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Library Controversy Nears Showdown

County Wants to Terminate Funding for City Libraries

By Dick Heuer

The battle to maintain good public library services on the Monterey Peninsula is headed for a showdown at a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors at 10 a.m. on Feb. 28. If you are one of the 6,838 residents of the unincorporated County area who use the city of Carmel's library—and you want to maintain free access to that library—you had best make your views known at this public hearing.

Since 1972, the County has reimbursed the city libraries of Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Salinas for the cost of serving library patrons who live in the unincorporated area of Monterey County. Payments to the cities this year will cost the County $471,251, or 17 percent of the County Library's budget.

County Librarian Dallas Shaffer proposes to cancel the contract with the cities that provides for this funding. That means taking $471,251 away from the four city libraries. Carmel city library would lose $92,836. The Board of Supervisors on Dec. 6 agreed, but delayed final action pending further discussion with the cities. The vote was 4-1, with only Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman opposed to cutting off the funding of city libraries.

Opinion

The *Sun's* analysis shows that the supervisors acted on the basis of deceptive and inaccurate statistics provided by the County Library. The County Library's statistics are analyzed in detail in a separate article on page 10.

Usually, there are two good sides to every argument. In this instance, surprisingly, the *Sun* could find only one. This article is very critical of the County position. To ensure that readers receive a balanced report, the *Sun* offered Librarian Shaffer an opportunity to respond. Her reply is printed in full on page 11.

County Library representatives held four public meetings to explain the proposed termination of funding, including one conducted by Shaffer at the Carmel Valley Village Library on Feb. 4. None of these meetings were held at city libraries, where Shaffer would have encountered the County residents most affected by the policy.

Shaffer says the Library is in desperate straits. It needs additional funds to maintain current operating hours and improve services. This is undoubtedly true.

Shaffer has also stated that funds saved by cutting off payments to the cities will be available for use elsewhere in the Library District. Supervisor Strasser Kauffman doubts the validity of that assumption. She believes that once these cuts are made, the supervisors will then use these savings as justification for cutting off payments to the library system from the General Fund. Strasser Kauffman told the *Sun* that the pressure for the cuts stems from a desire to stop the Library from drawing on General Fund revenues.

Shaffer also says that:

- The County has no obligation to reimburse the cities for their service to County residents, as the cities are already reimbursed for this by the state. There is an implication that the cities have been "double-dipping."
- The cities spend far more per capita on library services than the County does. Therefore, the County is subsidizing a high level of service in the cities at the expense of depriving poorer areas of the County of adequate library service.

These assertions intended to justify the proposed funding cutoff are very much in dispute.

According to Carmel Librarian Margaret Pelikan, 59 percent of the registered cardholders at Carmel city library are County

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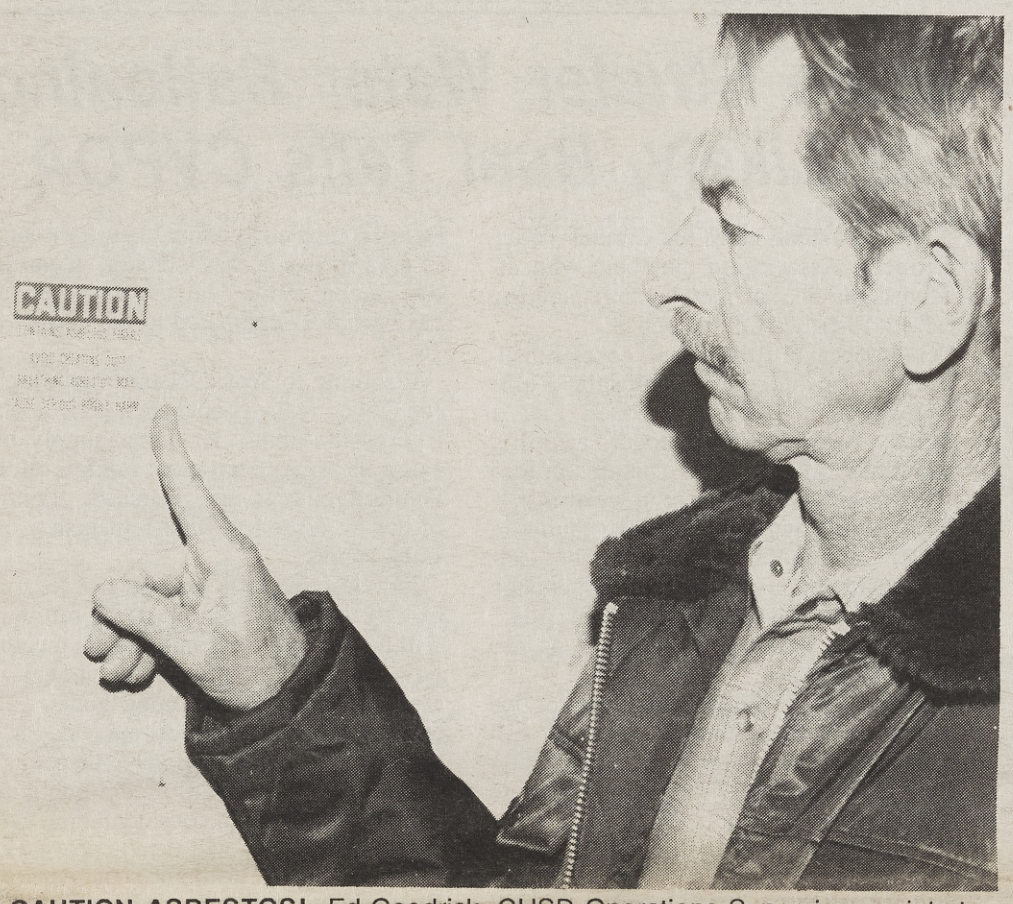

CAUTION ASBESTOS! Ed Goodrick, CUSD Operations Supervisor, points to Caution sign on the boiler at Carmel High School. Sign warns of asbestos fibers.

CUSD Needs to Remove Asbestos from Schools

By Dick Heuer

It will cost the Carmel Unified School District $600,000 to $1 million to remove potentially dangerous asbestos from district schools. That's one reason for the special school tax of $80 per land parcel on the ballot for voter approval March 8.

The parcel tax, which requires a two-thirds favorable vote, is planned to raise $880,000 per year for capital improvements to school facilities. According to the terms of the ballot measure, the tax will be discontinued automatically after four years.

Back in the 1960s asbestos was considered a good binder to hold together the matrix of sand and plaster sprayed onto acoustical ceilings. It was also considered partially fire-retardant. Carmel area schools have 50,000 square feet of acoustical ceilings with three to five percent asbestos content.

Except for the gym, the entire Middle School has asbestos in the ceilings. So does Captain Cooper Elementary and the library complex at Carmel High School.

Breathing asbestos particles is now recognized as a serious health hazard. It may cause lung cancer and pulmonary fibrosis.

CUSD students are not now at risk. "The schools are safe as long as the material is not disturbed, as long as the asbestos fibers are not released into the air. That's why we keep saying it's a *potential* hazard," Assistant Superintendent Vance Baldwin explained.

The problem is, according to Baldwin, that no one can guarantee a ceiling won't be hit by something accidentally. And the district can't paint or repair a ceiling, change a light fixture or move a wall.

In the event of accidental disturbance, the room would have to be closed off until a certified asbestos abatement contractor could be called in to take measurements and do repairs, if necessary. If work needs

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Max Chaplin Heads CVPOA

Max Chaplin, a retired State Department career officer, has been elected president of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association. Chaplin has a long association with Carmel Valley, having been married here and maintained a vacation home here for forty years.

He and four re-elected incumbent officers, six new directors and one incumbent director were installed at CVPOA's annual meeting Feb. 8 at Hacienda Carmel

Re-elected officers of the Association are Rod Mills, vice president; Betsy Shea, recording secretary; Feesie Heuer, corresponding secretary; and Ileene Crane-Franks, treasurer.

Newly elected directors who will serve two year terms are Patricia Bernardi, Dale Eberly, Dr. James H. Flippen, Jack McIlhenny, Peter C. Salmonsen and Allan Sandstrum. Roger Williams, incumbent director, was re-elected to a two-year term. Members continuing on the board are Robert Greenwood, Vernon E. Juergens, and R. T. Nimmons, retiring president.

Balloting for new officers and directors was conducted by mail among the association's 1,100 members during the month of January.

Valley to Celebrate 100-Year Birthday!

It's time for a Centennial Celebration!

The first post office in Carmel Valley was established one hundred years ago. To a dedicated group of Valley residents, that anniversary calls for a community festival to honor the past and celebrate the joys of living in Carmel Valley today.

Early planning for the occasion has focused on renewing an earlier tradition of an annual Fiesta de los Amigos in the Village. All the service and community organizations in the Valley will be asked to participate in planning and organizing a major community event.

Festival planners will contact all the groups they can think of. To avoid being left out, persons and groups interested in helping should take the initiative now by calling to leave a message at Stew's Plumbing, 659-5232.

Oct. 30, 1889 is the exact date of the first post office. It was located at what is now White Oaks Plaza in the Village. The area was then called Carmel rather than Carmel Valley. A post office had been established at Jamesburg three years earlier, but Jamesburg was then an isolated community connected more closely to Salinas than to Carmel Valley.

Persons participating in the initial planning meeting included Bud McDonald, Randy Randazzo, Stew and Sandy Clough, Roger Williams, Zan Henson, John Hannon, Fawn Nicholson, Jerry Kurz, Larry McCann, Gary Carmichael, and Dick Heuer.

LETTERS

Rainmaker?

In about 1925, I remember southwestern Kansas where I was born was going through a period of extreme drought. Three young men with a big truck load of equipment came into Liberal and stated that they could bring rain. No money was to be paid in advance. It sounded good so they were told to go ahead.

A mile or so out of town, they unpacked a big World War I observation balloon and a lot of tanks of hydrogen. The balloon was inflated and winched up several hundred feet and by some electrical device it was exploded.

Around ground zero, acres and acres of wheat and broom corn were blown out of the ground. Barns, outhouses and a couple of homes were de-roofed and windows were broken for some distance. In all the confusion, the three men disappeared without their money or their truck.

Oh yes, that night it began to rain and kept it up for a couple of days. The towns of Garden City, Kansas and La Junta, Colorado were badly damaged.

Our water management people have been floating balloons all summer. Why not give this idea a try?

Marvin C. Pylate

Naming Names

I think it is appalling that the newspaper in its infinite wisdom has chosen to single out a local family as the only one whose family name has EVER appeared in the contents of the Sheriff's Log.

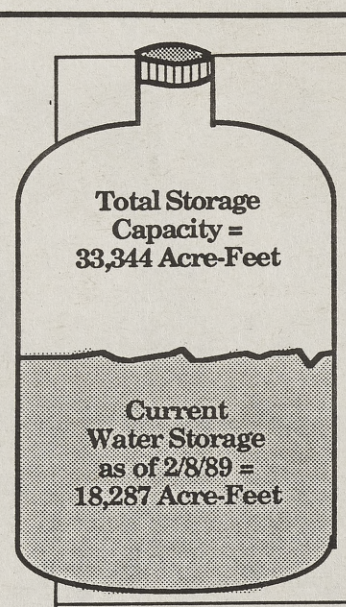
The family named are hard working, active community members and do not deserve such injustice. None of the family members that live locally were involved in the incident, yet the use of their name has left them vulnerable to misconceptions and embarrassing notoriety.

The family deserves better, and to them I apologize for this newspaper's lack of sensitivity.

P.S. The editorial comments that appear throughout the column have become more offensive than humorous. The forced humor is not necessary, especially when those involved in the incident may find it hurtful.

Debra Saxton

(Ed. Note: The Sun *regrets the use of a name in the Sheriff's Log. It is this newspaper's policy not to use names in the Sheriff's Log.)*



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER STORAGE REPORT
As of February 8, 1989

	Total Capacity	Current Storage	%
Reservoirs:			
Los Padres	1,967*	1,780*	90
San Clemente	131*	126*	96
Ground Water Basins:			
Upper Carmel Valley	6,531	6,531	100
Lower Carmel Valley	20,015	7,191	36
Seaside Coastal	4,700	2,659	57
TOTAL	33,344 Acre-Feet	18,287 Acre-Feet	55%

*Excludes State of California minimum storage requirement.

OFFICIAL FIGURES FROM THE
• MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT •

Much Stricter Water Rationing Is Likely, Buel Tells CVPOA

There was bad news for Carmel Valley Property Association members who attended the annual membership meeting held at Hacienda Carmel Feb. 8.

Guest speaker Bruce Buel, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, advised that a stricter regime of 40 percent rationing cannot be avoided this summer unless there is a dramatic change in weather pattern. Right now, Buel said, "the aquifer in lower Carmel Valley is so low that Cal-Am could not pump water out fast enough to meet peak summertime demands." Pumping efficiency deteriorates as the aquifer is depleted.

Because of the limited rainfall so far this winter, Buel explained, "we are still pumping more water out of our water supply system every day than flows into the system at Los Padres reservoir.

Buel cited preliminary figures on January rainfall at San Clemente Dam. The *Sun* has updated these figures based on the final calculation for January. Rainfall at San Clemente Dam last month was only 1.37 inches compared to normal January rainfall of 4.18 inches at that location. Cumulative rainfall at the dam site since last fall has been 6.97 compared to the normal of 10.78.

According to Water District hydrologist Joe Oliver, many people are getting a false impression about our water supply because there has been more rainfall on the Peninsula than in the watershed. Rainfall in the watershed is what replenishes our water supply.

Buel described the process for deciding exactly how the next phase of rationing will be handled. A committee is meeting now to consider alternative means of meeting Phase IV rationing goals. The committee will make a recommendation to the Water Board at its March 13 meeting.

The Water Board will hold a public forum in late March to consider a draft ordinance. The board will then approve a revised rationing ordinance on Apr. 11. Buel said he expects Phase IV of rationing will include a moratorium on all new water connections.

New, New, New in the *Sun*

In response to increasing demand, the *Sun* has increased its circulation again, to 9,000. The paper now reaches about 20 percent more residents than the *Pine Cone*. The *Pine Cone*, of course, is distributed to more tourists than the *Sun*.

A number of new features start in this issue. In the growing real estate section, the *Sun* now publishes information on property sales—who sold what property to whom for how much. This is public information available in the County Recorder's office.

Araby Colton's first feature on Valley wildlife is also in this issue. It begins a series that will appear about every second issue.

Many ads that had been scattered throughout the paper are now grouped together in a Service Directory. This makes it more convenient for readers to find the services they need. The goal is to build up the Service Directory so that readers can use it like the Yellow Pages.

A new employee, Dee Cantlon, is in charge of soliciting ads for the Service Directory. If you want to be in it, phone Dee at 659-5510.

Dee is also partially replacing our reporter Grace Darcy, who has gone on to other writing interests. Dee did the Valley People and Valley Voices features in this issue. To ensure that all segments of the community are represented in Valley People, Dee will be calling numbers from the phone book to ask for personal news.

If you have personal items you would like to see in the Valley People column, please call Dee at 659-5510, or send them to the *Sun* at P.O. Box 931, Carmel Valley 93924.

We want to hear about your achievements (promotions, hole-in-one, or whatever), anniversaries, birthdays, new businesses, moves, interesting trips, visitors, weddings or divorces, illness and recovery, or any other personal notes that might interest your friends and neighbors.

Symposium Feb. 15 on How To Get New Dam Approved

The process for obtaining approval to build a new dam on the Carmel River will be the subject of a Water Symposium on Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Steinbeck Forum at the Monterey Conference Center.

The symposium follows an important closed-door meeting that afternoon chaired by Rep. Leon Panetta with Water District officials and representatives of federal and state agencies. The outcome of that meeting may be an announcement that the proposed New San Clemente Dam would not receive federal permits and is, therefore, unbuildable.

As of press time, the Water Management District had tentatively earmarked Mar. 2 as the date for a board workshop to consider selecting an alternative dam site for its preferred water supply project. The date, time and place for that workshop will have been set at the monthly Water Board meeting Feb. 13.

At the symposium on Feb. 15, Water District manager Bruce Buel and officials of the State Water Resources Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Environmental Protection Agency will discuss the process of obtaining approval for a new dam. The visiting officials will then respond to questions from frustrated Water Board directors and from the public.

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The California oak moth is getting an early start this year. The larvae have been found active throughout the area.

This is the third consecutive year the oak moth has been active in this area and defoliation this year combined with the stress of having inadequate rainfall in recent years may threaten the life of an oak tree.

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CVPOA To Conduct Poll On Hatton Canyon Freeway

Carmel Valley Property Owners Association will poll its members to determine membership views on the Hatton Canyon Freeway. The postcard ballot is being mailed this week. The result of the poll will guide the CVPOA board of directors in its future actions relating to the proposed freeway.

A similar poll of CVPOA members was conducted in 1982. At that time, the membership voted in favor of what was then described as the Hatton Canyon "scenic parkway." Since then, outgoing CVPOA President Dick Nimmons explained at the Feb. 8 membership meeting, far more information has become available on the environmental impacts and on how traffic will be routed at the Carmel Valley Rd. interchange and at Rio Rd.

The board wants an update on sentiment among the membership. In June 1988, the CVPOA board voted to support the petition then being circulated and eventually signed by over 5,000 persons asking for a fresh look at alternatives to the Caltrans freeway design. An informal show of hands among the 50-some persons at the Feb. 8 meeting showed support for that position.

In a series of straw votes, there was unanimous agreement that members already had enough information to make a decision. Not a single person raised a hand to indicate a need for more information before deciding. Although no exact count was made, opponents of the Caltrans design appeared to outnumber supporters by 2 to 1. There seemed to be greater concern about the Carmel Valley Rd. interchange than about environmental impacts.

In the ballot being mailed to all CVPOA members, respondents are given four choices:

1. I vote yes on the Hatton Canyon Freeway. This means I believe the current Caltrans design, done by professionals, is adequate and solves the traffic problem.

2. I vote no on the Hatton Canyon Freeway. This means I am opposed because the costs of the project to the environment more than offset the benefits to traffic.

3. I vote yes, but... This means I agree on the need for the project, but believe the current design does not adequately address the congestion entering and leaving Carmel Valley Rd. at Highway 1, especially at Carmel Rancho Blvd. This requires that Caltrans and Monterey County cooperate in designing an overall solution to the traffic problem at the mouth of the Valley.

4. Other. Please specify the alternative you advocate. (It is possible to vote for both 2 and 4.)

Advisory Committee Needs New Members

The Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee needs additional members in order to better fulfill its role as advisor to the Planning Commission on use permits, signs, design reviews and other planning matters in the upper Valley.

The seven-member committee, appointed by the Planning Commission, is now down to four members, which means every member must be present in order to have a quorum. It also reduces the diversity of expertise and opinion available to the committee.

Committee member Ruth Pryor said, "It's not fair representation for applicants to have only four people on the committee."

Persons interested in serving on the committee should send a letter of application to Mr. Robert Slimmon, Director of Planning and Building Inspection, County Court House, Salinas.

Qualifications are residence east of Robinson Canyon Rd., balanced judgment, and an interest in participating in the land use planning process.

Legal Challenges Begin in Effort To Block Caltrans' Freeway Plan

The first legal challenge to Caltrans' plan for the Hatton Canyon Freeway was filed last week in Monterey County Superior Court.

Monterey attorney David Larkin, who lives in Carmel, filed the suit directed primarily against the California Coastal Commission but also naming Monterey County and Caltrans. The Coastal Commission approved the freeway plan on Dec. 13, subject to a number of conditions. Any legal challenge to that decision had to be filed prior to Feb. 13.

Plaintiffs Barbara and Stephen Brooks and Noel Mapstead of Carmel, and Stanley and Darby Worth of Carmel Valley, claim the Caltrans plan violates the state Coastal Act. The complaint also objects to the Coastal Commission's delegation of authority to its executive director to determine whether Caltrans abides by all the Coastal Commission stipulations.

The complaint also argues that the proposed freeway violates the Carmel Area Land Use Plan. The Coastal Commission staff report cited several conflicts between the freeway plan and the Carmel Area Land Use Plan. The staff report noted the County will have to amend its plan before approving the Hatton Canyon Freeway. In speaking before the Coastal Commission, however, County Supervisor Sam Karas said that the freeway "conforms to the standards and policies" of local area plans. The complaint cites this as evidence of the County's "negligence."

The suit asks for a preliminary injunction to stop any government permits from being issued for the project. Unless and until that injunction is issued, the suit will not delay Caltrans in proceeding with processing its EIS on the project.

New Forum Plans Program on 'Power in the '90s'

Dr. G. William Domhoff, professor of psychology and sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, will speak on "New Dimensions of Power in the '90s' at the next New Forum luncheon Monday, February 20, at The Lodge at Pebble Beach.

Educated at Duke University, Kent State University and University of Miami, Domhoff has taught at California State University in Los Angeles and at UC Santa Cruz, where he has been since 1965.

Reservations for the luncheon, which will begin at noon, can be made by writing, The New Forum, P.O. Box 22214, Carmel, 93922, or call 625-9967.

Mello Vows Fight For Coastal Funds

Senator Henry J. Mello has voiced outrage with the Governor's 1989-90 Budget cut of $651,000 for the California Coastal Commission. The cut represents a disallowed cost-of-living increase and an overall reduction of 10.7% in the Commission's remaining General Fund baseline budget.

"This is a drastic cut and, if sustained by the Legislature or the Governor's veto, will have a significant adverse impact on the Commission's staffing and operations in fiscal year 1989-90. The Budget does not specify where the funds should be cut, but there is always the possibility of the closure of the Santa Cruz or other district offices," stated Mello.

Mello was able to reinstate $400,000 in the 1988-89 Commission budget, enabling the Commission's Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara district offices to remain open.

"These latest outrageous cuts cannot be absorbed without substantial adverse effects to their programs. This budget reduction comes on top of many others while the Commission's statutory mandates have not been changed," continued Mello.

The Coastal Commission, alone within the Resources Agency, received a significant budget cut. Many others gained additional money.

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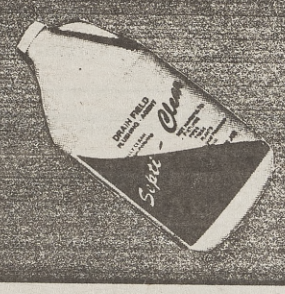

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SHERIFF'S LOG

THEFTS, ATTEMPTED THEFTS, AND THEFTS PERHAPS

CROSSROADS. Store security officer reports shoplifter in custody. Santa Cruz woman cited. 2-7.

CARMEL RANCHO. Restaurant owner reports bank deposit bag found in restroom of his business. Contained checks payable to a Carmel Rancho store. 2-8.

CHEWS RIDGE. Peninsula resident reported car entered. No report of loss. 2-7.

CROSSROADS. Restaurant owner reports locks broken from three game machines, all money stolen. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 2-7. *(Tilt!!)*

CARMEL RANCHO. Service station employee reports theft of starter from van parked to rear of property. 1-25.

RIO ROAD. Service station reports theft of one-half book of smog certificates. 1-26. *(Good for how much smog each?)*

VILLAGE. Check stolen, cashed in Del Rey Oaks. Thief known. 1-26.

ROBLES DEL RIO. Abandoned moped reported. Registered owner notified. 1-25.

COLT LANE. Garage door kicked in during afternoon. Harley Davidson and ATV stolen. 1-31. *(Stealin' a Harley—Now that's downright unpardonable.)*

CROSSROADS. Purse missing. Maybe in parking lot. 1-30.

CROSSROADS. Subject in custody of store security. Employee suspected of theft. Valley female detained and then released. Employee theft investigation continues. 1-29.

CARMEL RANCHO. Store reports accepting four forged checks. Warrants already out for suspect from Pacific Grove and Monterey. 2-7.

CARMEL RANCHO. Private security officer reports finding a reel-to-reel tape recorder along Carmel Rancho "..about a month ago." 2-2. *(Fast response.)*

CROSSROADS. Store manager reports bad checks (that's plural) from Valencia woman. 2-1.

CACHAGUA. Resident reports burglary with jewelry taken. 2-1.

VILLAGE. Merchant reports finding purse in dumpster. 2-1.

DEL FINO. Valley woman reports finding 10-speed bike. 2-1.

ROBLES DEL RIO. Resident reports theft of items from back yard. 2-1.

C.V. GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB. Fifth and sixth tee signs and three flag pins stolen. 1-28. *(Definitely not what is meant by "taking the Fifth.")*

MISSION FIELDS. Motel manager reports two vacant cottages entered, two television sets, a clock and bedspread stolen. 2-4.

VILLAGE. Potted rose plants stolen from motel. 2-5.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

RIO ROAD. Three adult males with campfire in riverbed near Rio Road. Put out fire after contact by deputy, departed. 2-5.

LOS RANCHITOS. Resident reports receiving threatening phone call. 2-4.

ROBLES DEL RIO. Resident reports stranger in friend's house. Next door resident cleaning. 2-3. *(Better safe than...?)*

VILLAGE. Resident reports "verbal child abuse." Father yelling at daughter. 2-1.

PASO CRESTA. Resident reports seeing prowler peeking in windows at neighbor's house. Victim had been unaware of activity. 1-31.

VIA MALLORCA. Carmel woman complains "resident male" pushed her. 2-4.

ONE—OR MORE—TOO MANY!

C.V. ROAD. Valley woman arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Custody transferred to C.H.P. 2-6.

CARMEL RANCHO BLVD. Carmel man arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. 2-4.

LOWER VALLEY. Carmel youth, 16, cited for possession of alcohol, one six-pack. 2-4.

VILLAGE. Restaurant owner reports a "drunk man, disorderly, and chasing customers with a hatchet!" 2-4. *(That's generally considered somewhat disorderly.)*

CROSSROADS. Store clerk reported a transient male stole a bottle of schnapps, struck clerk in the face. Suspect restrained and arrested. 2-3.

CARMEL RANCHO. Female, address unknown, passed out in "someone else's car." 2-3.

CARMEL RANCHO. Cafe owner reports peace disturbance. Monterey man arrested. 1-25.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

BARNYARD. Store manager reports a dinner plate inscribed "Someone Special" broken in landscaping. "Ongoing domestic quarrel?" 2-7.

CACHAGUA. Woman reports being battered by live-in boyfriend. Refused to press charges. 2-6.

TASSAJARA. Resident reports brother "disturbed." Tried to set several fires, multiple cuts (with blood) on hands and chest from breaking glass. Threatened himself and reporting brother. Natividad Medical Center refused admission as "Very violent!" 2-6.

VILLAGE. Domestic quarrel over money. "Officer safety risk" reported from wife. 2-6.

C.V. RANCH. "Verbal Disturbance" involving resident couple. 2-3.

VILLAGE. Family feuding, started at home, continued to Village service station. One son arrested. 2-3.

JUST THE VALLEY. Wife reports husband fishing. Not sure where. No idea of when he is to return home. 1-29. *(Could there be a message there somewhere?)*

VILLAGE. Resident reports telephoning her "Ex" who "Wished her dead." 1-29. *(Does he fish?)*

VILLAGE. Domestic dispute involving child custody disagreement. Referred to courts. 1-28.

CACHAGUA. Runaway juvenile. Location known. Not worried. May file Missing Person report. 1-26.

FOR BETTER...OR W0RSE

CROSSROADS. Big Sur woman reports ex-boyfriend harassing her. 2-2.

GOING TO THE DOGS

UPPER VALLEY. Stockman reports continuing problem with neighbor's dogs, chasing and killing livestock. 1-27.

LA VENTANA. Dog barking for three hours. 1-31.

SAY AGAIN?

VALLEY GREENS. Paso Robles man walking on Valley Greens Drive with a club. "Confiscated."

ANONYMOUS REPORT. "Rampant drug use among patrons and employees of restaurant." 1-30.

LOWER VALLEY. Resident reports "strange call about a rape." 2-7.

VILLAGE. New resident called, reports house formerly occupied by "doper." Frequent "strange people coming to the door." 1-27.

C.V. ROAD. Valley man reports "White Limousine passenger" with a revolver. 2-4.

HATTON ROAD. Garbage can stolen. 2-3.

VANDALISM

LAGUNA ROBLES. Broken auto window.1-25.

RIO ROAD. Several mail boxes damaged. 1-28.

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL. Two adult (?) males arrested for trespass and vandalizing the "traditional Senior Class table." 2-5. *(Wonder if they made it through 12 grades?)*

ASOLEADO SUB-DIVISION. Entrance gate damaged. 2-4.

THINGS THAT DO OR DON'T GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

VILLAGE. Attempt to enter residence. 1-31. *(Chapter one.)*

VILLAGE. Workman (same address as above) reports $75 missing from car while working. 1-31. *(Chapter two.)*

VILLAGE. Resident reports finding a man in her house, who appeared to have spent the night. 2-1. *(Chapter three.)*

VILLAGE. Resident reports back door rattled. Suspects prowler due to past incidents. 2.8. *(Chapter four.)*

RIO ROAD. Something hit the side of house, resident reports shots from riverbed area. 2-7.

VILLAGE. Resident reports auto pulled into driveway, then left. 2-4.

MEADOW PLACE. "Suspicious vehicle" in driveway. 2-3.

GARRAPATA. Resident telephones report of prowlers. Deputies search, find no prowlers. Reporting resident arrested on outstanding warrants. 1-31. *(Now that's funny.)*

TREVIS WAY. Shots and voices outside house. 1-26.

GOING TO POT

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL. Three students in office for possession of marijuana. 1-26.

CARMEL MIDDLE SHOOL. Juvenile female student in office for possession of marijuana. 1-25. *(CMS has adult students?)*

CLIFFHANGERS & FALLERS

BIXBY CREEK. Fort Ord soldier required rescue from beachfront "hillside". 2-5.

BIXBY CREEK. Resident injured in fall. Transported to CHOMP via Big Sur ambulance. 2-3.

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Curbside vs. Backyard Collection

Supervisors To Review Garbage Service Rates

By Dick Heuer

There is broad agreement that the garbage service in Carmel Valley is good. Even the garbage company, however, agrees that the rate structure that determines how much people pay for that service is unfair to some residents. Changes in the rate structure will be discussed on Feb. 21, at 2:30 p.m., when the Board of Supervisors considers a request by the Carmel Valley Disposal Service for a 10.1 percent rate increase.

Much of the initiative for change comes from the Carmel Valley Golf & Country Club Homeowners Association. The association wants a cheaper rate for residents who put their trash cans at the curb. At present, all Valley residents pay a "backyard collection" rate even though half the population lives in areas where it is convenient and common practice to put garbage cans out at the curb.

Valley residents do not now have the option of selecting a lower-cost "curb service" rate. Many Valley residents who put their trash at the curb are not aware that they are paying for what is called backyard service. With backyard service, the trash collectors will go up to 60 feet to retrieve trash cans from behind a house. (For longer distances, there is a negotiable drive-in service rate.)

Bruce Pusch, president of Carmel Valley Golf & Country Club Homeowners Association, is concerned that no one is ever told they could have their garbage picked up from their yard. "As of December 1988, the Carmel Valley Disposal Service switchboard was quoting the backyard rate when curb service was specifically requested—with no explanation that yard service is available," according to Pusch.

The large subdivisions of Toro Park and Serra Village along Highway 68, which are also serviced by Carmel Valley Disposal Service, pay $8.65 per month for curb service for three cans. Carmel Valley residents pay that much for only one can, whether or not they put it at the curb. Valley residents pay $12.90 for two cans, and $15.85 for three. Those in remote areas such as Cachagua pay a higher "country road collection" rate.

Carmel has a somewhat lower residential rate schedule, as 65 percent of the company revenues in Carmel come from commercial service.

Bill Parsons, general manager of the disposal service, explains that this rate structure got started back in the 1940s and 1950s, under a previous owner. At that time, backyard service was the predominant mode of service. The rate structure evolved from that.

In the 1970s when the major subdivisions were being developed, the former owners offered the three-can curb rate "as an inducement to eliminate backyard service and heighten productivity." The city of Carmel has, in the past, discouraged curb service for aesthetic reasons.

Parsons agrees that the system is now unfair. But he says, "I don't know that we can get a consensus on what is fair. If I do what I think is fair, people at both ends will think they are getting burned. It is difficult to come up with a magic bullet that solves all the rate problems." Parsons seems willing to restructure the rates in any way that everyone would agree on, as long as it maintains adequate revenue for the company.

Parsons has applied to the County to approve a 10.1 percent rate increase. The County is using this request for rate increase as an opportunity for asking that the rates be restructured.

Five percent of the rate increase is needed to offset an 80 percent increase in dump fees by the Monterey Regional Waste Management District. That increase was approved to pay for environmental measures to protect water quality and air quality at the dump. Robert Melton, director of the County Health Dept. that grants the permit to the disposal service, has recommended to the Board of Supervisors approval of this 5 percent increase.

The other 5.1 percent increase is a cost of living increase. Melton has recommended against approving this part of the increase until the controversy over backyard service rates versus curb service rates is resolved.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman told the *Sun* she hopes agreement on a new rate structure can be worked out prior to the supervisors' hearing. She supports a two-tier system where people who do take their cans to the curb pay less. Persons with long driveways or elderly persons who are unable to take trash to the curb should have the option of paying more for backyard service.

Strasser Kauffman says the disposal service does a good job. "It is on time, reliable, and they work holidays." She wants more services, however, such as pick-up services after neighborhood clean-up days, and an area-wide disposal day for large items people don't know how to get rid of. She also believes a future contract should provide for recycling services.

Two County Agencies Stop Buying Styrofoam Products

Two County agencies have taken a stand they hope will encourage others to stop using styrofoam cups, plates, and packing materials. They say these materials do serious environmental damage.

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and Monterey Regional Air Pollution Control District in December joined a growing list of cities, counties, and states taking action against styrofoam use. This list included Santa Cruz County, Suffolk County in New York, the cities of Palo Alto and Los Angeles, and the state of Vermont.

The agencies have stopped their own purchase of styrofoam products and will discourage use of styrofoam materials by their suppliers, vendors, and contractors.

The plastic coffee cups found in many offices are made of styrofoam, as are many plastic plates and food containers (the clamshell boxes for hamburgers at fast food outlets, for example). Large quantities of styrofoam are used as packing material.

Styrofoam is usually produced with a gas called chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) which is a leading cause of the breakdown of the earth's protective ozone layer. The ozone layer screens out harmful ultraviolet rays, and its gradual breakdown reportedly can cause dramatic changes in climate, plant and animal life, as well as the increased risk of skin cancer in humans.

Ninety percent of the CFC blown into polystyrene to make it foam during the manufacturing process is released into the atmosphere. This ends up in the stratosphere, where it interacts with the ozone layer. Styrofoam continues to release CFCs during its storage, use and disposal.
gestive systems causing death by ulceration, malnutrition and suffocation.

Since styrofoam cannot be recycled easily, it is an important contributor to the shortage of space at landfills.

When instructing Los Angeles city departments to stop buying products made of styrofoam, Mayor Tom Bradley said, "A coffee cup made of polystyrene foam that is used for only a few minutes will continue to burden the environment for hundreds of years. We simply cannot afford to squander our environmental resources in this way."

Styrofoam is not biodegradable. That is, it does not decompose over time. As a result, most of the styrofoam ever made is 'still sitting around some place.' If burned, it produces toxic air pollution and hazardous ash.

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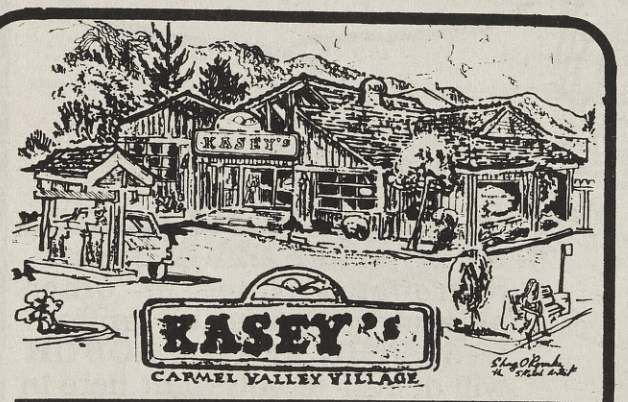

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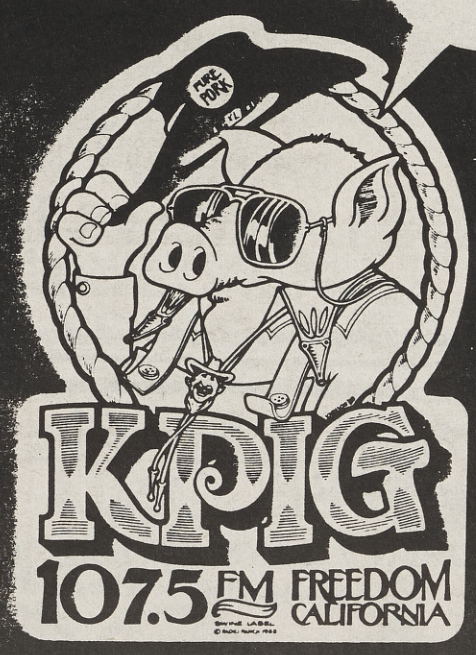

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Sinbad Journeys To C.V. Library

The Arabian Nights swashbuckler, *Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger*, special effects by Ray Harryhausen, starring Patrick Wayne, will be shown at the Carmel Valley Library Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., 65 W. Carmel Valley Road, the Village, Tel. 659-2377.

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CHOMP Offers Workshop On Aging and Addictions

"Aging and Addictions" will be the topic of a public workshop from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Education Building of the Community Hospital Recovery Center.

Speakers will be Barbara Parker, R.N., health education nurse with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, and Jerome Emory, counselor with the Community Hospital Recovery Center.

They will discuss physiological and psychological changes of aging and how those changes affect diagnosis and treatment of chemical dependency, treatment issues for older individuals, and give an overview of treatment programs for the older person.

For more information, call Jerry McDonald, 373-0925.

Republican Women To Hold Tea

The Carmel Republican Women's Club will hold its annual Membership Tea on Wednesday, February 22, 2 to 4 p.m. The event will be at the Pebble Beach home of the John Titheringtons. Members are asked to bring a prospective member.

Anyone interested in joining the Club is cordially invited to attend. For reservations, please call Mrs. Roy Gilbeau of Carmel Highlands, or Mrs. William Glacken of Pebble Beach.

What's Blooming?

By Marilyn Raynes

Salvia, a garden sage, has been blooming in the parking lot at Mid-Valley Shopping Center; in front of Nelson's Restaurant, and in many other locations for the past six months. A shrub with cottony purple and white flowers growing in whorls, it's one of those old fashioned garden plants that everyone notices and very few people call by name.

Leon Panetta To Speak At Democratic Women's Tea

The Annual Membership Tea of the Democratic Women's Club of Monterey County will be held on Saturday, February 25, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the home of Marguerite Temple.

His schedule permitting, the speaker will be The Honorable Leon Panetta, current chairman of the important House Budget Committee. His topic will be the issues facing the Congress as it debates the new budget.

The public is invited and members are urged to bring prospective members.

For information, call Lorita Fisher, 375-8301.

Monterey Teacher Sets Sunset Exhibit

Mixed media and sculpture by Sandra M. Robinson will be exhibited at Sunset Center March 1 to 30.

Ms. Robinson is a native Californian, having exhibited in galleries, public buildings and fairs in Stockton, San Francisco and the Monterey Bay area. She has been teaching in the Monterey Schools for 16 years. While teaching art, she earned a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education.

"I believe that being flexible in technique is best. There are some feelings which cannot be expressed in two dimensions. I sculpt when these feelings are strongest," she has said.

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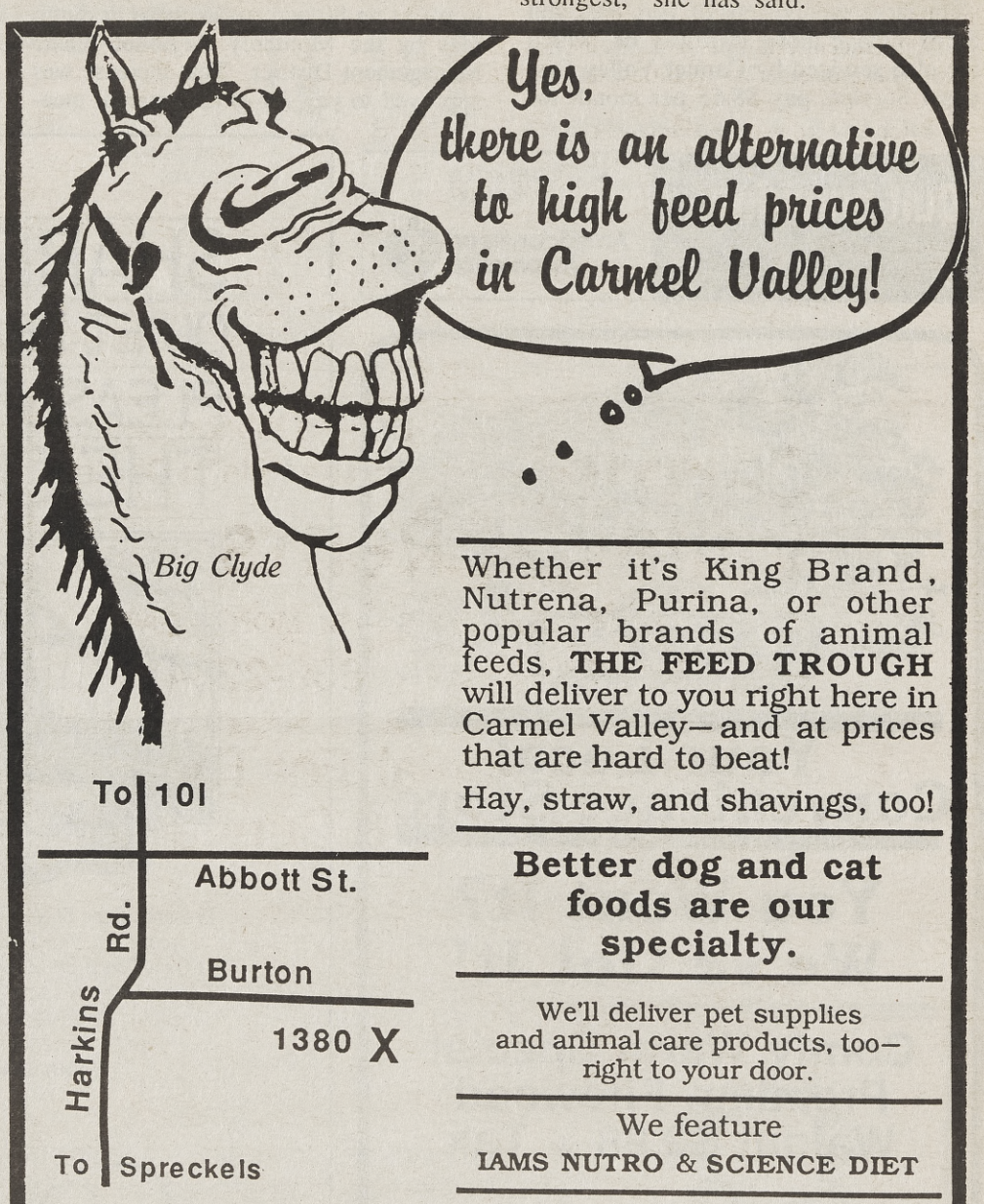

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Valley Residents File Lawsuit To Stop Parham Service Center

A group of eighteen Carmel Valley residents, including three teachers at Tularcitos Elementary School, filed suit in Superior Court on Feb. 6 to challenge the County's approval of the service center planned by Bill Parham.

The lawsuit by Village attorneys Richard Rosenthal and Alexander Henson asks for a writ of mandate ordering the County to:

- Set aside the use permit pending preparation of an EIR on the service center project.
- Not approve any further discretionary development in Carmel Valley pending completion of a comprehensive EIR for improvements on Carmel Valley Rd.
- Require a site-specific traffic study for the service center prior to further review of the proposed project.

The suit was filed on behalf of petitioners Diane and Glenn Leonoff, Phillip Smith, Bud Carlson, Gene and Joan Freeman, Beth and Jeff Lawn, Thomas and Tracy Coppinger, Linda Cresap, Marcia and Kent Wall, Patty Armstrong, Robert and Jeanne Bickel, and Patricia and Thomas Bonynge.

Of particular concern to the petitioners are the potential traffic, noise, air quality and drainage impacts of a service center, with 32 equipment bays, located next to or near Tularcitos Elementary School, Carmel Valley Library, and the Carmel Valley Community Center. Heavy equipment will enter and leave the service center along a section of Carmel Valley Rd. that is described as already "overburdened and unsafe."

The Planning Commission approved the project on the basis of a "negative declaration," which says an EIR is not needed. Such a declaration can be made if a project will have "no significant environmental impacts" that cannot be mitigated by conditions imposed on the developer.

Randy Randazzo appealed the Planning Commission decision to the Board of Supervisors. In December, the supervisors upheld the commission's decision.

Mid Valley Fire Volunteers Elect Schuler '89 President

Miles Schuler, Firefighter—Operator—EMT, has been installed as 1989 president of Mid Carmel Valley Volunteers, Inc. for the Fire Protection District. Schuler and his fellow officers were installed during the annual Officers Dinner Dance at C.V. Ranch Resort.

Deano Lindsey is V.P., Andrew C.B. White is Secretary and David Wirtz is treasurer. All are EMT's as well as firefighters, with three also certified operators.

Receiving awards during the event were:

Maya Miyamoto, *Board of Directors Award,* for dedicated service.

Raul Mayorga, *Firefighter of the Year,* for all around participation and dedication.

Top Responders of the Year—Steve Croswell, Brian Smith, Schuler, and Miyamoto for responding to the most alarms.

David Wirtz was further recognized with the district's newest award, *The Robert W. Wirtz Memorial Award* for exemplary devotion to providing, supporting and improving Emergency Medical Care.

Wirtz, with the department since 1985, became a paramedic in 1988 and was recognized for his use of his knowledge and skills by responding with and training other volunteers.

Volunteers provide the bulk of district fire suppression and emergency medical manpower. They are men and women who live in, or near, or work within the district's service area.

The district's 1988 Volunteers are:

Maya Miyamoto, Ron Lemos, Jerry Clark, Jan Cihak, Steve Croswell, Susan Croswell, Perry Curtis, Scot Fenton, Pete Grissim, Eric Hanselka, Andoni Kastros, Paul Lecce, Deano Lindsey, Jim McCabe and Bud McDonald.

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CVVYC and Rec/Park District Set Long Range Planning Meeting

Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District and Carmel Valley Community Youth Center are sponsoring a long-range planning meeting at the Ford Road center, 9 a.m. through noon, Saturday, Feb. 25.

The session is planned to generate community imput for development/rehabilitation for the park, Activities House, pool facilities and Community Center building.

Direct invitations have been extended to "all known" Valley organizations. However, organizers emphasize that interested individuals and organizations are urged to attend and present their views—even if their group was inadvertently and unintentionally missed on the invitation mailing.

With recent addition of land and increased use of existing facilities, the district and Youth Center are experiencing needs for detailed plans development.

Directors for each entity want to be certain everyone in their service area has an opportunity for involvement in long-range planning.

The Feb. 25 session is seen primarily as a "brainstorming" opportunity. With all proposals recorded, the combined boards intend to form small work groups for generating definitive concepts which can then be used by "professionals" in creation of specific plans.

In the final stage, as funds become available, improvements planned through this process can take place. Interested parties who are unable to attend Feb. 25 are asked to mail their ideas to CVR&PD, P.O. Box 334, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, or hand deliver to the Activity House office.

State Senate Aide To Speak Feb. 23

Stan Hadden, legislative consultant to Senator Roberti, President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate, will speak on both current and proposed legislation related to HIV/AIDs, February 23, 9 to 11 a.m., at Sherwood Community Center, 940 N. Main, Salinas.

This is one of several community events jointly planned by the County Health Department, County AIDS Project and the HIV/AIDS Consortium to promote public understanding during HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

Interested members of the public are urged to attend.

Karin Strasser Kauffman Named To National Resources Committee

Monterey County Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman has been appointed to serve on the Physical Resources Committee of the National Association of Regional Councils.

This Committee sets policy and promotes legislation on national issues in the area of environment, transportation, and infrastructure for regional governments throughout the United States.

The National Association is based in Washington, D.C. Strasser Kauffman will be representing the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments at 1989 scheduled policy sessions in Texas and in Washington, D.C.

"The Monterey Bay Area is blessed in its physical resources, especially when it comes to agriculture and to our coast," states Strasser Kauffman. "In both regards, we have a nationwide reputation to uphold. I am looking forward to forging coalitions coast to coast which will aid us in our local battles to protect and enhance those resources."

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Recording Memories

Rosalind Sharpe Wall reminisced with 22 members of the Carmel Valley History Society on Feb. 11. Pictured here are, left to right, Jan Penney, Ms. Wall, and Amelie Elkington.

The author of *When Big Sur Was Wild and Lonely*, Ms.Wall's parents owned the Rainbow Lodge at Bixby Creek when it was a stage coach stop on the route to Big Sur. The History Society has one of the original stage coach tickets.

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Blood Center Adds New Test

The Community Hospital Blood Center has added a new test to its battery of blood screening procedures.

A new test called the anti-HTLV-1 test has just been licensed by the Food and Drug Administration, and in compliance with a directive from the FDA this test is being used by all blood centers in the United States to further reduce the risk of disease transmission by blood transfusion.

The Community Hospital Blood Center received the new test kits Dec. 15 and was fully operational, including testing of all red cell blood products already on the shelf and in long-term storage, by Jan. 15.

Like the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) virus, HTLV-1 is a retrovirus, but is only a distant cousin to the HIV virus associated with AIDS. The HTLV-1 virus does not cause AIDS or any AIDS-related disease.

The HTLV-1 virus is associated with adult T-cell leukemia, a rare degenerative neurological disease.

Individuals in the United States who test positive for exposure to this virus have been found in preliminary studies to be mainly in the South and among intravenous drug users in New York. Adult T-cell leukemia is a very rare disease in the United States, as are other diseases associated with this virus, according to Blood Center Manager Margot Dunham.

Blood centers in the United States do not expect to find many positives and the directive to test from the FDA comes only as a precautionary measure to prevent the remote possibility of passing on this virus through blood transfusion, Dunham said.

Other screening tests employed by blood centers have greatly reduced the risk of AIDS from one in 3,000 to one in 80,000 transfusions. Risk of contracting hepatitis through transfusion has been reduced through screening procedures from one in 10 to one in 500 transfusions.

Since the screening test for the antibody associated with the AIDS virus began locally in 1985, there has not been a single local case of transfusion-associated AIDS reported in HIV antibody tested blood.

For more information or to schedule a blood donation, contact the Blood Center at 625-4814.

Quit Smoking Class Offered

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital is offering a four session quit smoking class developed by the American Cancer Society on February 27, March 2, 6, 9, 1989 from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Board Room.

The class will cover the smoking habit/addiction, how to quit smoking and stay quit, and planning for relapses.

Pre-registration is required by calling 424-7908. There is a fee of $35 per participant.

Senior Line

By Bill Schneider

Q. I understand there is a legislature in Sacramento, made up of senior citizens, called the "Silver Hair Legislature" or something like that. What is it? What do they do?

A. Your question is a timely one. You are referring to the California Senior Legislature (CSL) which meets one week each October in Sacramento. Monterey County elects one senior assemblyman and one senior senator. The time to run for the CSL is now. You need to get a petition from the Area Agency on Aging, 1184 Monroe Street #10, Salinas, CA 93906 and have 25 registered voters over the age of sixty sign your petition. The petitions must be received at the Area Agency on Aging office listed above by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 1989. The actual election will be conducted by the local chapters of the League of Women Voters. Election day is Tuesday, March 21, 1989 at twelve sites throughout the County where seniors lunch.

Need information on senior affairs? Write Senior Line, Area Agency on Aging, 1184 Monroe Street, Suite 10, Salinas, CA 93906 or call (408) 757-5905 in the Salinas area or 372-7662 from the Monterey Peninsula. Senior Line needs your name, address and phone number but these will be withheld on request. Printed letters may be edited to meet space requirements.

California Senior Legislature Election

The filing period is open for election to the California Senior Legislature.

This is a nonpartisan, grassroots body that proposes laws to meet the needs and concerns of California's 4 million elderly.

To get on the ballot for senior senator or senior assembly member, interested residents must obtain at least 25 signatures from other county residents aged 60 or older and registered voters. Candidates must also be age 60 or older and a registered voter.

The candidate petition may be obtained from the Area Agency on Aging, 1184 Monroe St., Suite 10, Salinas, C A 93906, and must be completed and returned by Monday, February 27.

The election will be March 28, and will be conducted by the League of Women Voters of Salinas and the League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula.

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Vidbits

Courtesy of Mid Valley Movies

December and January are rather lean months insofar as new releases are concerned; however, there are some good old videos, and some good and not so good new ones. *Three Men and a Baby,* starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson, Steve Guttenberg, Celeste Holm and Margaret Colin, has received rave notices, and this reviewer wonders why. A trite story at best, the plot calls for little or no acting as three bachelors, enjoying life in the fast lane, find themselves with a baby girl on their hands. There are a few amusing moments, but the movie is generally mediocre and inane. Take it or leave it. Rated PG.

Shout At The Devil is based on Wilbur Smith's novel of the same name, and stars Lee Marvin, Roger Moore, and Barbara Parkins. Set in Africa, the film has some spectacular scenery, but not enough to offset the Wild West brawling and drinking that marks most Lee Marvin pictures. The title might more accurately be Lee Marvin Shouts at the Devil. If you are a Lee Marvin fan, you'll like this one. We aren't and we didn't. Rated PG-13.

Because your reviewer's 2 1/2 year old great granddaughter visited recently, we rented two Random House Home Video pictures made especially for children—*The Velveteen Rabbit,* narrated by Meryl Streep, and *The Ugly Duckling,* narrated by Cher. Each film is about a half hour long, and both are exquisite. Not only was the 2 1/2 year old enchanted by them, but the grownups sat down and enjoyed them, too. Not enough good things can be said about the superb quality of these very special productions...they are excellent in every way. Rated G.

As usual, a look through the older videos found some we had missed...and one we wanted to see again.

When *Five Easy Pieces* was filmed, Jack Nicholson was a young man and, even then, a good actor. The picture—about an unloving, selfish, young man born into a cultured, musical family who chooses to live a low class, boozy life—probably was quite good in its day, but it is almost impossible to relate to it today. Karen Black and Susan Anspach were good in supporting roles, and the background music was provided by Tammy Wynette. Rated R.

Another oldie, *Secret Obsession,* was far worse than *Five Easy Pieces,* the difference being that *Secret Obsession* was a bomb from the day it was made whereas *Five Easy Pieces* was a fine film in its day. Ben Gazzara and Julie Christie did their best to make something out of this pathetic picture, but with poor direction and very little plot, they simply couldn't pull it off. This snail-paced movie kept promising something better, but simply couldn't deliver. Rated PG.

The movie we wanted to see again was *The King and I* with Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr. Was it as good as we remembered? Yes, indeed! The wonderful, familiar songs still touch the heart, and the costume and pageantry are outstanding. This reviewer had completely forgotten the Uncle Tom's Cabin ballet with its outstanding choreography, delightful costuming, and unusual special effects, so it was like seeing the ballet for the first time. *The King and I* is still a terrific movie, even though it is over thirty years old. Rated G.

Coming soon: *A Fish Called Wanda* (Rated R); *The Blob* (R); *Wizard of Loneliness* (PG-13); *Big* (PG); *Bull Durham* (R); and *Short Circuit II* (PG).

Happy viewing!

RIPPLING RIVER RESIDENTS held a going-away party recently for Steve Arena, who is moving after 14 years to another independent living apartment complex in San Jose. Saying farewell to Steve (R) are Joan Goodrich, Luci Quear, and Philip Childress (L to R)

Race Walkers Elect Officers

The Monterey Peninsula Walk Walk Walk Club, which promotes the sport of race walking in the Monterey Bay area and Central Coast, has elected its board of officers for 1989.

Giulio de Petra of Carmel Highlands continues as president, with Cristina Gosser of Pacific Grove as vice-president, Lance Wright of Pacific Grove as treasurer, Elizabeth Tarozzi of Carmel Valley as membership secretary, Laura Locke of Carmel Valley as corresponding secretary, and Karen Wiskoff of Monterey as public relations manager and newsletter editor. Board members-at-large are Sandy Adams of Carmel as program committee chairman and Lee Sorensen of Pacific Grove as race coordinator.

De Petra was named "Outstanding Race Walker" in his age division by the Masters Track and Field Committee of The Athletics Congress at their recent annual convention in Phoenix, AZ.

De Petra, 78, has been race walking since his youth in Italy. He also teaches race walking at Monterey Peninsula College.

Race walking offers a thorough upper and lower body workout without the joint stress of running and jogging. Race walking has been an Olympic sport for men since 1908, and women will compete for the first time in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

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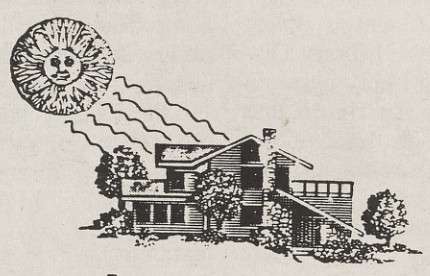

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Battle for Funds

Library's Statistical Analysis Appears Deceptive, Inaccurate

By Dick Heuer

The County supervisors' pending decision to terminate County funding for city libraries is based, in large part, on statistical analysis that is best described as a comedy of errors.

The main thrust of the County Library's argument is that library funds are now expended unevenly throughout the County. Residents who live near the cities of Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Salinas are said to get more than their fair share of County Library funds.

To document this assertion, the County Library told the Board of Supervisors (Dec. 6 report, p. 2, para. 2) that "the County's average per capita expenditure is $10.76, but in the Carmel area, for example, it is $35.90."

This key statistic to justify termination of funding is a comparison of apples and oranges that uses grossly inaccurate information about the number of County residents serviced by Carmel city library, outdated information on the cost of that service, and double counting that further inflates the cost!

Actually, the County pays *less* per capita for County residents who use the Carmel city library than it does for County residents who use the County libraries. The County payments to the city libraries are a much *cheaper* way to provide library service to County residents living near the cities than if the County Library system had to provide this service itself.

The following paragraphs describe the comedy of errors in how the County Library arrived at its conclusion.

The $10.76 figure is the County's cost per capita for all the 184,000 people who live within the County Library District. The $35.90 is a cost per capita only for County residents who actually use the Carmel city library. It is wrong to compare cost per library user in one area with cost per resident in the overall population in another area. Hence the apples and oranges analogy.

If one assumes that half the residents of the County Library District actually use the County libraries, the County's cost per library user would double, from $10.76 to $21.52. That is a very generous assumption. The County's actual cost per library user in the Library District as a whole is more likely between $30 and $50. This is the figure that should be compared with the cost per County resident who uses the Carmel city library.

Now look at the other half of the comparison. The County says it spends $35.90 for each County resident who uses the Carmel city library. That figure is inflated. The correct cost for this year is only $13.58. (The calculation is as follows. This year the County payment to Carmel will be $92,836. According to Carmel librarian Margaret Pelikan, there are 6,838 County residents holding Carmel library cards. $92,836 divided by 6,838 equals $13.58.)

How in the world did the County figure $35.90? Fortunately, the County Library provided details of the calculation in an attachment to its Dec. 6 report to the Board of Supervisors.

First, the County Library used a very inaccurate figure, 4,461, for the number of County residents who use the Carmel library. The County got this figure by subtracting the total population of Carmel (4,990) from total number of borrowers from the Carmel library (9,451). The result, 4,461, was assumed to be the number of County residents using the library.

Unfortunately, this calculation assumes that every single one of the 4,990 Carmel residents is a library cardholder, which obviously is not the case. If the County official preparing the report had called the Carmel library to ask, he or she would have been advised that Carmel city library has 6,838 cardholders who live in the unincorporated County area. This number of County residents using the Carmel library is 53 percent higher than calculated by the County.

Second, the County Library used last year's County payment to Carmel, which was $112,158. This year's payment is substantially lower, $92,836. Dividing the outdated cost of $112,158 by the erroneous figure of 4,461 County residents using the Carmel library gave a per capita cost of $25.14.

Third, the County Library double counted. It assumed that all the County residents who use the Carmel city library also receive full benefit from services provided by the County Library District. Therefore, the faulty $10.76 per capita cost of County Library services was added to the erroneous $25.14 per capital cost of payments to the Carmel city library. The result was the $35.90 figure. Some County residents who use the city library do also use County library facilities, but most probably do not.

If the County had to provide library services to County residents who use the Carmel city library, the cost would be substantially higher than what the County now pays Carmel to provide these services.

Library Controversy

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residents. That's 6,838 library cardholders who reside in the County area! Far more County residents use the city library in Carmel than use the County library in Carmel Valley Village, which has only about 4,000 patrons. County residents account for 49 percent of the circulation at the Carmel Library.

Yet less than 20 percent of the Carmel Library budget comes from the County and state. Carmel-by-the-Sea taxpayers are already subsidizing library service to County residents. Of course, they also benefit from the County residents by being able to support a much more complete library. As Pelikan puts it, "We feel we are providing a lot of service to County residents at a real bargain to the County."

County residents account for 49% of Carmel Library circulation but County and State provide only 20% of budget.

Pelikan challenges the allegation of "double-dipping." Carmel is slated to receive $92,836 from the County this year and $24,861 from the state. Both are payments for services to County residents. To the uninformed, that might appear to be "double-dipping." However, Pelikan explains, "The contract that provides for County funding gives credit to the County for money Carmel receives from the state." Money received from the state is deducted from what would otherwise be received from the County. There is no overlap.

The County Library's *Fact Sheet* states that County libraries have less money to spend per person for library services than libraries in the four cities. "After taking money from its budget to pay the city contracts, the Monterey County Free Libraries has $10.80 to spend per capita. The four cities' spending ranges from $16.52 to $104.48 per capita," according to the *Fact Sheet*. Carmel is the city that allegedly spends $104.48 per person.

County statistics ignore service Carmel Library provides to County residents.

It would appear from the County figures that some equalization of expenditures is appropriate. However, these statistics are deceptive.

The $104.48 per person is based on taking the Carmel Library operating budget and dividing it by the number of residents in Carmel, 4990. This gives a cost per Carmel-by-the-Sea resident, but it ignores the service Carmel Library provides to County residents.

Actually, Carmel Library serves about 18,000 residents in Lower Carmel Valley, Greater Carmel, and Pebble Beach as well as Carmel-by-the-Sea. If you look at its entire service area, Carmel Library's budget allows about $28.96 per person. This is still higher than the County Library's average, but it reflects the much greater demand for library services in this area as compared with the rural areas of the County.

The above figures compare the cost per capita in the overall population served. One can also compare the cost per library patron. Here, it appears that Carmel Library's service to County patrons is *less expensive* than the County's service to its patrons.

This is exactly the opposite of what the County Librarian told the Board of Supervisors. See the separate article that describes the comedy of errors in the County's statistical analysis. As that article makes clear, the supervisors were asked to take action on the basis of grossly inaccurate information.

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Carmel Librarian Pelikan says, "It is unreasonable to expect our library to continue service to County residents without adequate reimbursement from the County." Asked about the possibility of compromise, Pelikan responded, "We've already compromised in the existing contract," which was negotiated in 1981.

If the County cancels the contract, Pelikan said her library board may have to establish a user's fee for County residents. She estimates that fee would be in the $20 per year range.

A user's fee for County residents is also controversial, however, as it would have serious adverse consequences:

• It would disqualify Carmel Library from participation in the Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System (MOBAC). This would mean Carmel Library patrons could not obtain interlibrary loans and could not borrow or turn in books at other libraries in the County.

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• It would cause Carmel Library to lose about $25,000 per year in state funding. The state funds are provided only on condition that service is offered to all comers without charge.

Eliminating service to County residents is another option for Carmel Library. The County Library informed the supervisors that if "one or more of the cities chose not to provide service to County residents, the County Library could provide additional services in those areas with the funds formerly used for the contracts." The additional service the district has in mind is the Bookmobile—hardly an adequate replacement for a highly educated and literate population of 13,000 County residents.

County Librarian Responds

Editor's Note: Because the Sun's *report is so critical of the County Library, the* Sun *sent a draft to Librarian Shaffer for comment prior to publication. Shaffer was asked for any factual information that might refute the* Sun's *analysis. While reaffirming that she believes her statistical analysis is valid, Shaffer provided no information that suggested a need for the* Sun *to modify its critical assessment.*

To ensure that all sides to the issue are presented, the Sun *offered Librarian Shaffer an opportunity to prepare a rebuttal to be printed together with this article. Her response follows:*

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the opinion piece on library service contracts. *Carmel Valley Sun* readers should be aware of the following facts.

The Monterey County Free Libraries serves approximately 184,000 residents through 15 branches, a bookmobile and a books by mail program. It is funded primarily by the Library Special District tax which is collected from all property taxpayers living outside the cities of Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Salinas. Residents of those cities do not contribute financially to the County Library although many of them use County Library facilities.

For Fiscal Year 1989, this year, the County Library faced a 25 percent cut in service hours and a 49 percent cut in the book budget. The Board of Supervisors rescued the Library with a one-time supplemental grant of $213,000 and directed the County Librarian and the County Administrative Officer to report back to them on County Library funding.

The County Administrative Officer and I recommended in Dec. 1988 that the most appropriate source of funds to maintain County Library services would be cancellation of the service contracts with the four cities. The reasons are:

The State of California reimburses the four city libraries for the number of books borrowed by County residents beyond the number of books borrowed by city residents from the County Library; in other words for the imbalance in service. Out of 58 counties, only two counties, Monterey and Santa Cruz, pay cities in addition to the State reimbursement.

The current contracts between the County and the four cities are not fair, because only the County pays for service imbalances. The cities do not pay each other for residents who utilize each other's libraries.

Because of these contracts, the County Library is not able to serve its residents in an equitable manner. This means more funds are going to support services to those residents who live within commuting distance of the four city libraries than are available to spend on libraries in the rural areas.

This inequity results in the County Library's inability to provide basic levels of service such as pre-school reading readiness activities, adequate open hours to provide reference and study space for students, and literacy training.

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing on the issue Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Salinas Courthouse Board Chambers. This hearing will deal with the confusion of statistics which surrounds this issue. In the meantime, representatives of the County and the four cities will continue to meet to attempt to resolve the critical issues prior to the 28th.

Adequate library services for all residents is of great concern. It is a question of fundamental fairness, literacy and County Library survival.

Dallas Y. Shaffer
County Librarian

Asbestos Hazard in CUSD *Continued from Front Page*

to be done, the room must be lined with a double plastic enclosure to ensure that no fibers escape.

The 27 year old Middle School roof is a concern, as any leak could trigger the need for ceiling repairs.

Superintendent Robert Infelise assured the *Sun* that air in the schools has been tested for asbestos four times in the last five years. Each measurement requires bringing in a specialized team at considerable expense. All measurements were within acceptable limits, "but if something happens to change that, we have to close down. We'd be out of business," Infelise said.

That's why the school district wants to remove the ceiling asbestos entirely. It's difficult to live with that sword hanging over your head, Infelise explained.

Federal regulations dealing with asbestos in schools have become progressively stricter since the late 1970s. CUSD now has an asbestos management plan that is four inches thick. It identifies all the asbestos and describes what responses are required under various circumstances. It was completed by a consultant last fall, at a cost of $15,000, in response to federal requirements.

In addition to the ceilings, almost every boiler room in the district has asbestos insulation. There is also vinyl asbestos tile on floors throughout the district. The tile is not as much of a problem as the ceiling plaster, as it is not "friable" or easily crumbled. The district does not plan to replace the tile.

There was a situation at River School when the radiant heating sprung a leak and a section of tile had to be removed. To take up the tile, the district had to pay an extra $5,000 to bring in the certified asbestos abatement team for what Infelise calls "the star wars approach" to containing asbestos fibers.

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An industrial helicopter will air lift new air conditioning equipment to the rooftop level of CHOMP at about 8 a.m., Feb. 21.

The Sikorsky 58-T helicopter will fly from San Jose, pick up the equipment from a truck in the physicians' parking area at the hospital, then lift and deposit it atop the hospital.

Although the physicians' parking lot will be closed from midnight to 9 a.m., and some areas of the hospital will be evacuated temporarily, there should be no disruption to surrounding residential areas.

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By Drs. Kim & Irv Hartford

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Carole Marie Kelly, OSF, will be honored with a reception recognizing her new book, ***Symbols of Inner Truth***. Sister Carole Marie Kelly lives in a one-room hermitage in Carmel, working as a spiritual director, writer and retreat director. In ***Symbols of Inner Truth: Uncovering the Spiritual Meaning of Experience,*** it is written that we can move peacefully through a life of chaos. She is currently giving workshops on *Jungian Dream Interpretation and Cross-Cultural Understanding*. Sister Kelly teaches how to decipher the God presence everywhere we look.

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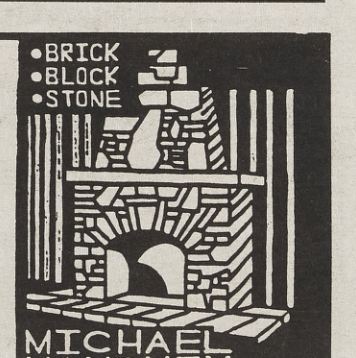

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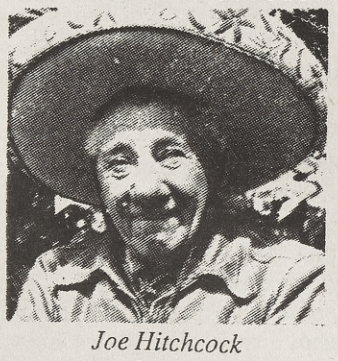
CARMEL VALLEY NEWS

JOE HITCHCOCK WRITES March 16, 1954

There are two things that stand out in American History, one is the "Ol Swimmin Hole", and the other is the "Little Red School House." Our Tularcitos school house never was red but it did the same work and answered the same purpose. I don't know just when it was built but it has been very much in evidence since before the eighties. As I remember it was one room about 20 x 40 feet and it had about twelve double desks and we always had a seat mate.



Joe Hitchcock

If we were unruly we were given a girl seat mate and we felt in disgrace to have to sit with a girl. The last two teachers that taught in the original school were Mr. Fred P. Feliz, who first came to teach in 1888 and who owns Camp Steffani, and Miss Annie E. Donovan, who is now Mrs. John Riley and lives in Salinas. As we had to go many miles to school, some rode on horseback, others in carts or buckboards. We must have looked like the Donkey Parade. At recess the children all spoke Spanish and our games were Prisoners Base, London Bridge, and Anti Over, using the building to throw the tennis ball over. In 1892 we got our first flag. Mr. Feliz with the help of some of the boys went up to Robinson Canyon and cut a redwood tree for a flag pole. That was the first year that Columbus Day was celebrated so we were real proud to hoist for the first time The Stars and Stripes at Tularcitos School on October 21, 1892.

The second school building was opened for business in 1893 by Miss Donovan who closed the old school and opened up the new one. Our days were very full with walking to school and doing our daily chores. It gave us no time for pranks or foolishness but we had time to fish for trout or steelhead.

Mr. Frank Parce with the help of the neighbors erected a suspension bridge at Camp Steffani so that we could get to school when the river was high and even during the summer months, as old man river flowed all year long and there were no other bridges to cross on. We had no running water but there was a trough where the cattle drank nearby so we had a pail and a long handle dipper for drinking purposes.

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Movie Review, by William A. Hendricks

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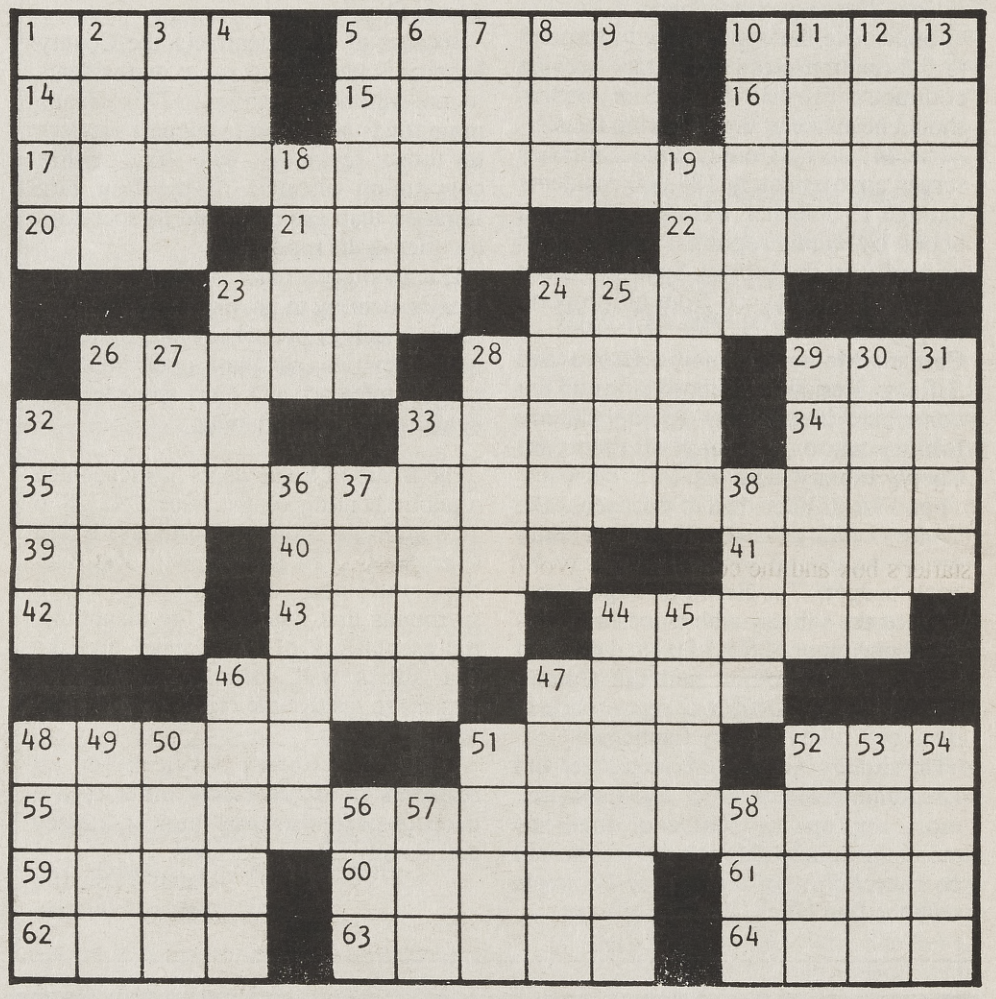

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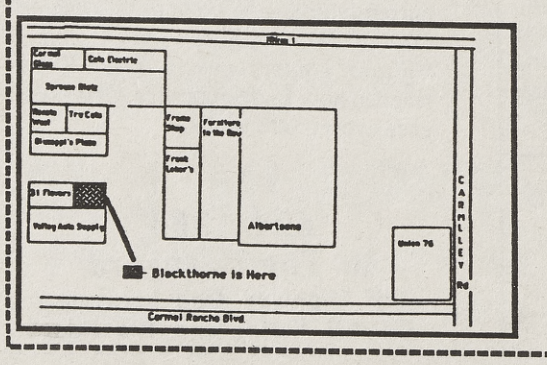

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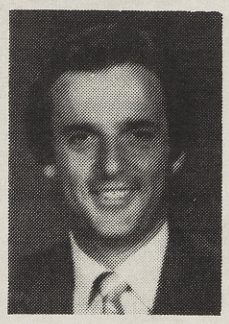

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Valley People

By Dee Cantlon

Beginning with this issue, Valley People will be brought to you by Dee Cantlon. Many Valley folk know Dee from the Wagon Wheel Restaurant where she worked for several years. She's the redhead. No, not the one who dropped Eggs Benedict on your new suit. It was too late to include a photo this time, but we'll try to have one in the next issue.

We hear that belated birthday wishes are due to TONY GLANVILLE and JIM MORRIS, who share a Feb. 7 birthday. Also, Happy Birthday to ANNIE MASAOKA (2/20) and SABRINA KREYENHAGEN (2/21).

Speaking of birthdays, waiting for their new arrival are LINDA and TONY FERRASCI.

ANN RIZZO, one of many talented Valley artists, has certainly been busy lately. In November and December, she showed her mono prints at the Cherry Foundation. In January, her prints were on display at the Portofino Cafe. This month, Ann has prints exhibited at the Sunset Center in the Margery Evans Gallery, where she took 3rd prize in the art competition sponsored by the Central Coast Art Association. AND, beginning Feb. 19 through Mar. 19, she will have her work showcased at the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery at UCSC as one of only 17 artists chosen for this invitational exhibit. AND THEN, she'll have a one month show at the Carmel Foundation beginning Mar. 1. Would you say maybe SOMEONE likes her work?

If you watched the recent World Alpine Ski Championships on television, you saw STEVE HEUER working in the starter's box. Steve is the son of FEESIE and DICK HEUER, the *Sun's* publisher. Steve is working in the Race Department at Vail this winter and helped set up the starter's box and the course for the World Championship races. He was thrilled by the thought of being on a TV program broadcast to 300 million viewers worldwide.

Carmel Valley's JAMES WARREN has been named General Manager for The Lodge at Pebble Beach. Formerly V.P. of sales and marketing for Pebble Beach Co., JIM and wife PEGGY, live in the Valley with their two children, LINDSAY and JAMES.

Anyone with any information about themselves, family, friends, pets, etc. that they would like to share should call 659-5110 and ask for Dee.

Maya Angelou At Catalina

Maya Angelou will appear at Santa Catalina School March 3, at 8 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, but seats are limited. Tickets must be reserved; call 649-1432, ext. 10.

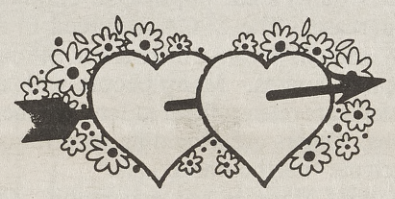
With just a high school education, Maya Angelou has been a singer, educator, dancer, author, historian, lecturer, actress, producer, editor, songwriter, and playwright.

She is the author of many magazine articles, books of poetry, and four autobiographical novels including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.*

New Babies

Todd Michael, son, born to **Denise and Mike Harney**, Jan 29.

Hannah Madding, daughter, born to **Clementine and Nicholas Lapham,** Jan. 25.



Events

CHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB; Rummage Sale, Mar. 4, 9-4 , CHS Gym. Tel. 624-4897 to donate items.

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PANHELLENIC ALUMNAE; Luncheon and fashion show, Corral de Tierra, Feb. 18 Games Day at Corral de Tierra March 16, 11:30 a.m. Tel. 659-2614.

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CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB; President's Monthly Address by Dr. Carl Pohlhammer of MPC History Dept. at 2 p.m., Feb. 20. Tel. 659-2614.

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SENIORS COOKING COURSE; MPC and Alliance on Aging nutrition program. Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Marina Community Center, 384-6009/372-7843. Tel. 659-2614.

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ART HISTORY LECTURE; Feb. 18, MPC Music Bldg., Jan Lassetter. Donation. 624-4262.

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FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION; Feb. 28; 899-8001.

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MP MUSEUM SHOWS; Lewis Kesling, through March 31, Monterey Conference Center. Hours M-F, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Lower Gallery, James Crable Photographs to April 23.

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INVITATIONAL ART EXHIBIT; Feb. 19-March 19. Seventeen artists from Monterey Bay area, UCSC, Cowell College's Smith Gallery, with works of 17 artists. Artists' reception, Feb. 19. 429-2953.

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TAX TIME HELP; Harry Robertson of VITA will be in C.V. Library from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday mornings to assist Valley residents with their federal and state income tax problems. He will be at Rippling River on Wednesday afternoons.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS; Applications being accepted for 4-week intensive program for students in Ninth Grade through 1989 High School graduates. Financial aid available. For writers, dancers, thespians, musicians, film-video-visual artists. Tel. Assemblyman Farr's office—425-1503.

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MONTEREY COUNTY WOMEN'S FAIR; March 18, Hartnell College. Admission. Tel. 755-6800.

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SENIORS' TAX HELP; Alliance on Aging tax assistance program to assist in preparing state and federal tax returns. Tel. 646-4636.

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"THE ZOO STORY"; Monterey High's Drama Dept.; Feb. 23-24-25. 649-5561.

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SPIRITUALITY AND ADDICTIONS; Public workshop, CHOMP Recovery Center, 576 Hartnell, Monterey. Anne Swallow, Center chaplain. 373-0924.

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ALL-MEDIA ART COMPETITION; UCSC Cowell College. Contact Verna Brady at 429-2953.

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C.V. ARTISTS' SPRING SHOW; May 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., White Oak Plaza in the Village. Open to Carmel Valley Artists. Telephone Ron Bean at 659-4226, or Rodger Weeks at 659-2567.

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PHOTO CENTER SHOW; Entries being accepted for "Photographers Self Portrait" show at the Photographic Center March 31 to May 7. Center must be notified of intent to enter. Photographers image must be identifiable as a photographer. Tel. 625-5181.

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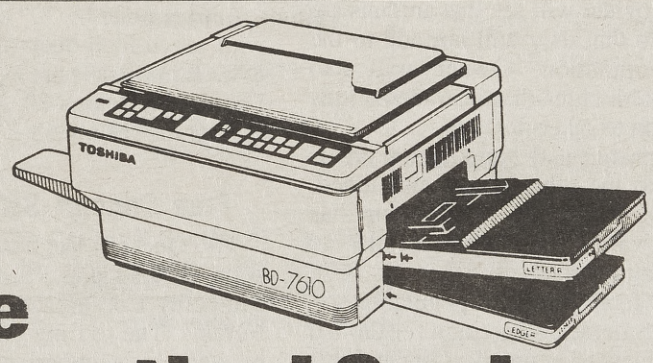
SUNSET CENTER; World Traveler Film Series, Feb. 17, 2 and 8 p.m. Call 624-3996 for information.



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Raccoons Can Open Any Unlocked Door

By Araby Colton

In Monterey County, and especially in Carmel Valley, we have raccoons, definitely. We hear them making merry in our trash cans at night. We feed them on our patios, one generation after another, and we find their antics almost as amusing as our favorite TV program.

Actually, there is sound scientific basis for the marvelous variety of raccoon behavior. He's one of the most intelligent species below the anthropoid ape. His language ranges up to twenty meaningful sounds. His hearing is extremely acute. He loves music, and has strong preferences, among recordings, to which he will listen intently. He has his favorites, even as you and I, among TV programs. He has a keen nose and delicate palate. His sensitive and prehensile hands can open any door, drawer, or cupboard not locked by a key. (Alas!)

He has been known to use public drinking fountains, switch TV stations, blow automobile horns, pick pockets.

His fabulous memory eternally reminds him of which cat, dog, or human being can be trusted, or not. One female raccoon, taught to ring a dinner bell on a back porch when hungry, passed along the trick from mother to daughter for ten generations.

But he's much more than merely an amusing little creature. He occupies an important niche in nature because of the wide variety of insects, snakes, grasshoppers, crickets, dead and hunter-wounded animals he consumes. He is an important control on mice and small rodents.

To the fur merchandisers, our raccoon is another kind of fun...he's a "fun fur," a profitable substitute for the more glamorous furs, the cheetahs, jaguars, tigers, leopards, and others which can no longer be *legally* imported into the United States.

The shaggy coat fad of the '50's killed at least a million and a half raccoons. Even in the '70s, *Esquire Magazine* did seven pages of virile fellows showing off greatcoats, floorlength, of raccoon and wolf.."So masculine, so swagger!" the copy proclaimed. Conservatively estimate, each such coat represents about nine-hundred and sixty hours of animal agony spent in traps.

To those of us here, in Monterey County, who are trustingly introduced, each year, to mamma raccoon's new litter of little masked bandits, the notion of making a coat of her is abhorrent.

Raccoons are one of the most useful species, a charming addition to our lives. We feel lucky to have them around.

Note: Just because they're so cute and friendly, don't get the idea that they make good pets. Brother Raccoon is a strong-minded character who, once grown, finds even loving captivity unacceptable. He knows he belongs in the wild. An unhappy raccoon can be a very disagreeable fellow.

Drawing By
Dee Cantlon '89

Seal 'Pupping Season' Requires Human Restraint

The SPCA alerts all central coast residents that harbor seal pupping season (March to May) will soon arrive to the Central California coastline.

While tourists and beach strollers are apt to stumble upon what looks to be an orphaned harbor seal pup, the mother is probably only away fishing and has every intention of returning to her young baby.

Well-intentioned "rescuers" of these pups are in fact not helping but permanently separating a mother from her helpless pup. The SPCA reminds all persons who come upon a baby harbor seal to do the following:

- Contact The SPCA at 373-2631.
- Do NOT go near the animal but try to observe from a distance, out of sight from the returning mother.
- Keep all dogs and people away from the pup.
- If, after several hours of observation, the mother has not returned for her pup, again, contact The SPCA.

The Wildlife Center of The SPCA is ready to answer any questions or handle any calls regarding harbor seals. The Center staff urges all residents and visitors to leave the seals alone, particularly at this critical time of the year. Human interference with the natural process taking place has a tragic impact upon these wonderful creatures.

Reward Offered For Stolen Trees

A reward is being offered for the return of two rose trees stolen from Los Laureles Lodge some time between Feb. 2 and 4.

The trees are about six feet tall, red and yellow roses, in clay planters.

Anyone who knows what happened to the trees is asked to call Mary Ann Thorngate at 375-5348, or to return the trees to the Lodge. No questions will be asked.

SPCA Urges Cat Neutering

Cat breeding season is upon us. Dogs cycle twice a year, humans cycle monthly, but cats cycle many times during the spring and late summer. Their breeding cycle is described as 'seasonally polyesrus." This arrangement maximizes their reproductive potential.

The County's cat population continues to increase. The SPCA is forced to destroy animals because there are not enough adoptive homes. Many people with unwanted cats release them to fend for themselves. Others are providing food for cats which are "neighborhood cats."

Feeding alone is not acceptable. Cats need much more than just food. A responsible cat provider will see that animals are sterilized so that they will not add to the existing population. Owners will also provide health care--that is, vaccinations and attention to other illnesses.

Companionship and socialization are as important as the other things mentioned; for without these, the relationship has much less value. It's important also to put an ID tag on your cat.

When the feral (wild) cat population explodes, with fierce competition for limited resources, increasing numbers of cat fights result in serious infections and some deaths.

If your cat has not been spayed/neutered as well as vaccinated, this is the time to see your veterinarian.

The SPCA has a low-cost spay/neuter clinic available to the general public as well. It is located at The SPCA, 1002 Monterey Salinas Highway 68.

Poster Contest Announced

"Oceans of Fun" is the theme of the 1989 Monterey County Fair Poster contest, which offers prizes of $50, $25, and $10, in four categories, pre-school through 12th grade.

A grand prize of $100 will be awarded.

Entries must be 30" wide by 40" deep, with seven-inch-deep margin across bottom. Entry forms are available at schools. Deadline is March 20. For further information call 372-5863.

Free Concert Set for Feb. 19

The Queen's Regiment Band will perform at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, at Monterey Conference Center, Steinbeck Forum. The touring band will be joined on stage by members of the 7th Division band from Fort Ord. Free.

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Little League Baseball Sign-Ups Are Feb. 18

Come out to the ballpark in the Village for Little League sign-ups at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Boys and girls must be age 8 and no older than age 12 by August 1 to qualify for Little League.

First year 8-year-old players will automatically be put on a minor league team, with no tryout. Children ages 9 to 12 should come on their tryout date for major league draft selection.

Tryout date for 9-year-olds is Saturday, Mar. 4 beginning at 9 a.m. Tryout date for 10 to 12-year-olds is Mar. 11, also at 9 a.m.

Tryouts will last most of the day. Children should bring food to snack on during the day, as the snack bar will not yet be open.

In the event of rain on one of the scheduled tryout dates, the make-up date will be Mar. 18 at the ballpark. Team selections will be announced Sunday, Mar. 19.

Coaches and managers are needed in both the major and minor league divisions of Little League. Anyone who enjoys working with children, has time to offer and a basic understanding of baseball should consider volunteering as a coach.

For questions, please contact Richard Rosenthal at 659-4077 or Richard Wise at 659-2778.

Socko League Signups Start

Carmel area softball enthusiasts can register for the 1989 Spring Socko League. The co-ed league will be Sundays beginning March 19.

The league is designed to maximize participation and encourage both male and female players. There will be maximum of twelve teams in the league and registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. Registration fee is $220.

For further information, rule packets, and registration rosters, call 626-1255.

CMS Open Gym Four Nights Weekly

The Middle School open gym sports program is offering basketball Tuesday and Thursday evenings and volleyball Monday and Wednesday, from 8 to 10 p.m. Both programs offer adults a drop-in program and an opportunity to meet new players.

For more information on other community recreation events, please call the Recreation Department at 626-1255.

New MST Service At Carmel High

Carmel High School now has MST bus service from Ocean Avenue and Highway One with a newly-installed bus stop.

Monterey-Salinas Transit spokesmen reported the new service is in response to a long-term need at the high school.

The Line Four Carmel Rancho bus will serve the high school as it returns to Monterey via Highway 1. For information telephone 899-2555.

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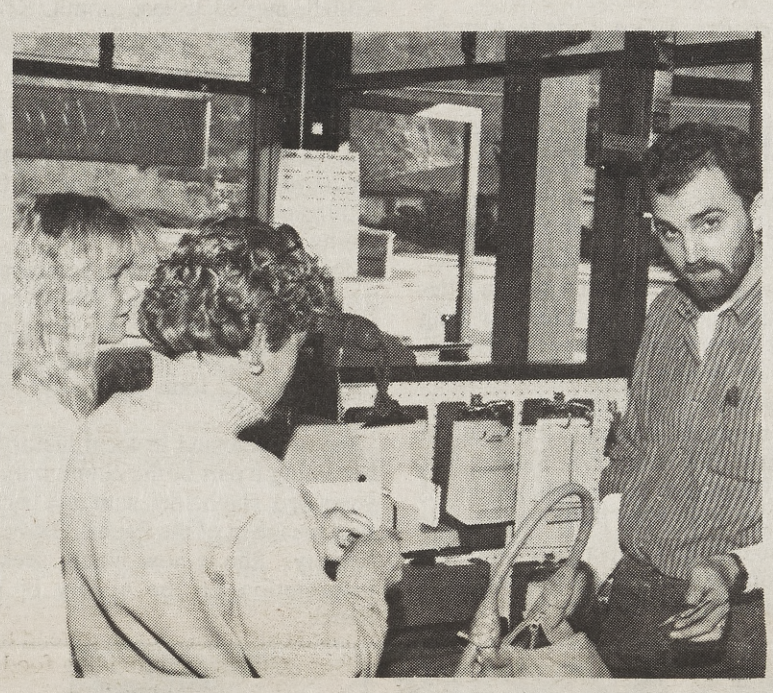

Paul Krueger serves Sue Pius and daughter Stacey

"Things are crankin' along here at Acorn Hardware on a real steady basis," says Paul Krueger.

The man whose passion is the world of tools and supplies at Acorn has completed almost four years at Mid Valley Center, always broadening products and services. This past year Paul added several lines of power equipment including *Stihl* chainsaws and trimmers, *Yazoo* mowers and *BCS* tillers.

These new equipment lines are in addition to the "new in '88" full-service equipment repair shop on premises—and a small fleet of tool and equipment rentals. (Paul's beard is also an '88 add-on.)

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Home Sales

These property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder during the period Jan. 25 to Feb. 7, 1989. This information is taken from records available to the public. Sales price is estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the County.

The *Carmel Valley Sun* assumes no liability for the accuracy of estimated sales prices. You should consult a Realtor or other professional before taking action on the basis of this information.

Carmel Valley

DE LOS HELECHOS RD. Barbara Takiguchi & Theodore Lobinger, Jr. to Peter & Pamela Wolf. $220,000.

25075 OUTLOOK DR. Gary & Mary Kerney to Landmark Land Co., Inc. $63,000.

3525 ENGELFIELD PL. Raland & Patricia Hanisch to Robert & Martha Mountain, Jr. $360,000.

9666 WILLOW CT. William & Elizabeth Regan to Ralph & Barbara Polumbo. $305,000.

4000-32 RIO RD. Thomas Alexander to Anne Barrett. $192,500.

11630 MCCARTHY RD. Bay-Bridge to Ralph & Lorraine Bird. $235,000.

7037 CARMEL VALLEY RD. J.C. & Joetta Duncan to Charles & Joann Tocalino. $437,500.

200 HACIENDA CARMEL. Estate of Helen Haber to Nancy Johnson. $154,000.

9817 CLUB PLACE LANE. Donald & Margaret Pelton to Edgar & Merrill Leslie. $328,500.

13 DEL MESA CARMEL. Edward Blanchard to Jean L. Murray. $189,000.

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GUADALUPE ST. Fordre Weiser to Arvid & A.J. Fraites. $60,000.

MONTE VERDE ST. Rose Tsai to Western American Exchange Co. $577,500.

24735 SUMMIT FIELD RD. Rowlan Reese Foster to Thomas Heischman. $457,500.

WALKER AVE. Nancy A. Johnson to Peggy Hubert. $310,000.

SCENIC DRIVE. Robert Swanston to Roland & Leslie Simpson. $1,236,000.

South Coast

FERN CANYON RD. Robert Wade to Alan & Sandra Silvestri. $1,700,000.

Housing Authority Tenant 'Rep' Sought

Monterey County Board of Supervisors is looking for persons throughout the County interested in serving as a *tenant commissioner* on the Housing Authority County of Monterey Board of Commissioners.

The Housing Authority administers low income housing assistance for Monterey County. Its programs total 3,500 units of Conventional Low Rent, Farm Labor and Section 8 housing.

Applicants should be under the age of 62 and be Housing Authority tenants or Section 8 recipients representing families.

Interested persons should submit a letter stating which unit they live in, how long they have lived there, and why they are interested in serving on the commission.

An interview may be required.

Letters should be mailed to the Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 1728, Salinas, CA 93902. Deadline for applications is February 24, 1989. For more information contact the office of Supervisor Shipnuck in the Monterey County Courthouse in Salinas, or call 674-7722.

Attention Contractors!

Building plans and permits already obtained for a 4 BR, 3 1/2 bath home in a security-gated C.V. community. The 2.13 acre lot and plans are for sale for $219,000. Start building at close of escrow. Bert Aronson, RE/MAX 625-3535.

Overview, Williams Projects On Planning Commission Agenda

Two major projects in lower Carmel Valley are on the Planning Commission agenda for Feb. 22.

Subdivision and rezoning of a portion of the Leonard Williams farm at Valley Hills is on the agenda for 3:15 p.m. The plan for a service center and other commercial development was described in the last issue of the *Sun*.

The development plan, permit, and design approval for the Carmel Valley Overview project are scheduled for consideration at 11:20 a.m. This is a plan for 200 rental units for low and middle income seniors to be built in the hills north of Carmel Valley Rd. and west of Del Mesa retirement community.

In both cases, the Planning Commission will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The supervisors will make the final decision.

Holman Ranch Sold; New Owner Says 'Things Won't Change Much'

Historic, 400-acre Holman Ranch, where Charlie Chaplin reportedly performed and other luminaries of bygone days stayed as guests, has been sold.

The new owner, Dorothy McEwen with friend James Fitch and her daughter Kristi Kildall, moved in last month. Kristi is a senior at Robert Louis Stevenson School. Son Scott Kildall is attending Brown University.

McEwen moved from Pebble Beach. She has lived on the Monterey Peninsula for 20 years. She is the owner of Cypress Stables on Jacks Peak, which she is now selling.

McEwen told the *Sun* she plans to use the property east of the Village only as a residence. There are no development plans. "Things won't change much, except they will look nicer after we fix it up," she said.

She is interested in local history and in becoming a part of the community. Some years ago, she helped start and became the first president of the Pacific Grove History Society. She is now busily seeking out information on the history of Holman Ranch.

The ranch had been for sale since Mrs. Holman died seven or eight years ago. Sale price was reportedly $1.7 million.

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Real Estate Report

The American Dream: Is It Vanishing?

By Gene Erner
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It is an oft-stated belief that it is every American's dream to own a home. It seems to symbolize success, stability, a sense of achievement. And indeed, in today's world it more than likely does represent all of these. It is a dream, however, that is becoming less likely to be fulfilled, especially in California.

Recently the California Association of Realtors (CAR) examined the affordability issue. Some of the information in this article is from that examination.

Although the nation has experienced seven years of economic growth and recovered from the recession of the early 1980's, home ownership in California has been going in the opposite direction. From 1980 to 1987, there was a five percent decline in the ownership rate, to 53.4 percent.

The growth of income has not kept pace with the rising costs of housing. For instance, in the first half of 1988 there was an average increase of personal income of 2.5 percent while home prices increased about 15 percent.

California Association of Realtors has developed an Affordability Index which shows the percentage of households that can afford to buy the median priced home in a given area. In California as a whole in September 1988, only 23 percent of the state's households could afford to purchase the median priced home of $174,094. In the San Francisco Bay area, where the median price was $216,510, only 12 percent of the households could afford this home.

Compare this to the current median price in the Carmel, Carmel Valley area, which is in excess of $300,000, and the affordability percentage nearly drops off the bottom of the scale!

What causes this inordinately high housing cost? Many factors are involved. California in general, and this area in particular, are very desirable places to live. The available housing supply is scarce, compared to demand. In our free enterprise economy, this drives prices upward.

California has the largest shortage of rental housing in the nation. This also has an effect on home sale prices. There has been growing support for growth control, particularly at the local level. While people are concerned about affordable housing, they are frustrated by a lack of adequate infrastructure and fear uncontrolled growth. This leads to the not-in-my-backyard attitude toward affordable housing.

What can be done to restore the dream for a significant percentage of Americans? Probably most important is to approach the problem rationally, in a conciliatory manner, avoiding extreme positions and those who advocate them. A willingness to address the infrastructure problems; maintain what we have and build new where required.

On a larger scale the development of coalitions may help. Presently, in California, the California Building Industry Association (CIBA) is attempting to put together a coalition of companies, unions, ethnic groups and other housing advocates to provide support for affordable housing development.

In another coalition building attempt, a group of 22 commercial banks in California have formed the California Community Reinvestment Corporation (CRCC). Under the guidance of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, they have joined in an attempt to generate $100 million to finance the construction of low and moderate income housing.

Involvement at the local level of government is crucial. In our political system, unless the elected official perceives a significant amount of support for an issue by the electorate, nothing is likely to happen. The extremists in our society are well aware of this and exploit it regularly. When those of more moderate views are aroused and make their concerns and desires known, then, and only then, is the system likely to respond.

Neither unbridled growth nor complete stagnation seem to have large proponent groups. Surely there is a great middle ground wherein those of good will can join together in reasoned decision making to revive that American Dream!

Mortgage Interest Rates

Lender	30 Yr. Fixed Rate Loan Int.	30 Yr. Fixed Rate Loan Pts.	Adjustable Rate Loan Int.	Adjustable Rate Loan Pts.
American S & L	11.000	2.00	8.500	1.50
Bank of America	10.500	2.00	8.125	1.50
Calif. First Bank	10.625	2.00	8.375	1.50
Eureka Federal S & L	11.000	1.50	7.500	1.50
Fremont Bank	10.625	2.50	7.875	1.00
First Interstate Bank	10.875	1.50	8.375	1.75
Great American Ist S&L	10.875	2.00	8.000	2.00
Home Federal S & L	11.000	2.00	8.125	1.50
Monterey County Bank	10.500	2.00	7.750	2.00
Monterey S & L	11.095	2.00	8.150	1.75
SF Federal S & L	10.750	1.50	7.850	2.25
Wells Fargo	11.000	2.00	8.250	1.50
Monterey Coast Mort.	10.750	1.75	7.500	2.00
World S & L	10.875	2.00	8.500	1.75

This table is a representative sampling of local mortgage loan interest rates for owner-occupied residences. Many other lenders offer similar loans.

Rates were in effect on the Monday prior to publication. Rates are subject to change. There is no guarantee of loan availability with any particular lender.

Interest rate and points are not the only factors to consider when comparing mortgage terms. You may also wish to determine maximum loan amount, minimum percentage down payment, processing time and fees.

Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) have rates that change according to the cost of money in the money market. The ARM rate cited here is the "going in" rate designed to attract buyers who otherwise might not qualify. To compare ARMs, you will need to determine the time of the first adjustment, frequency of subsequent adjustments, maximum annual increase, maximum allowable rate, the money market index used as basis for the adjustment, and the "spread" between this index and the adjusted interest rate.

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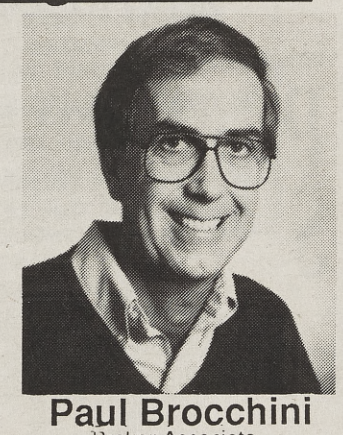
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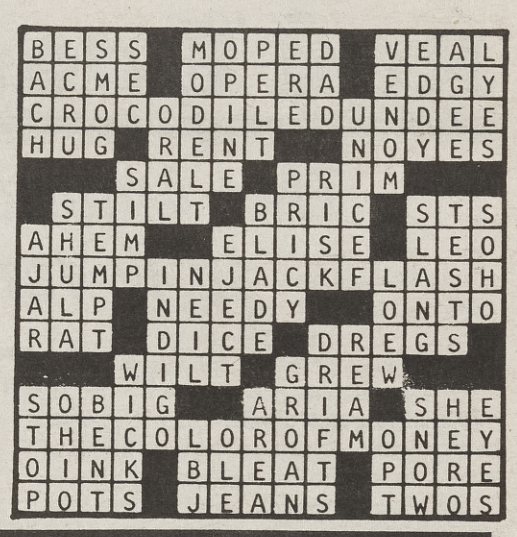

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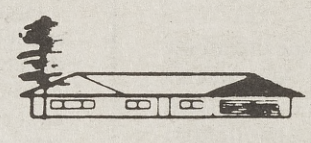

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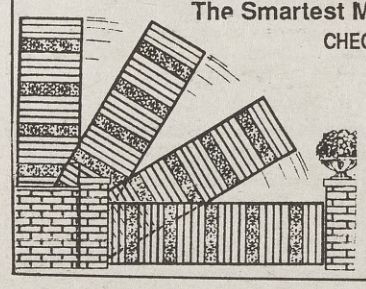

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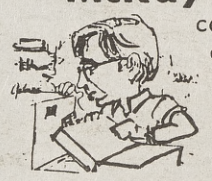

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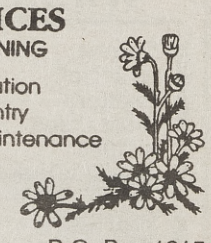

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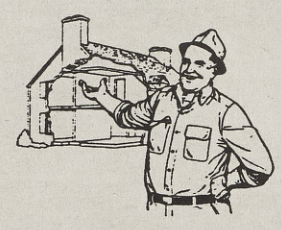

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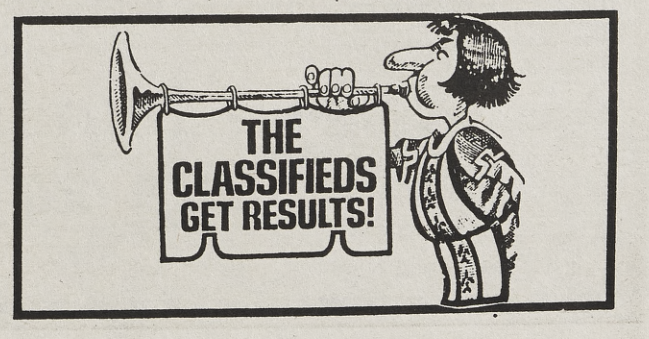

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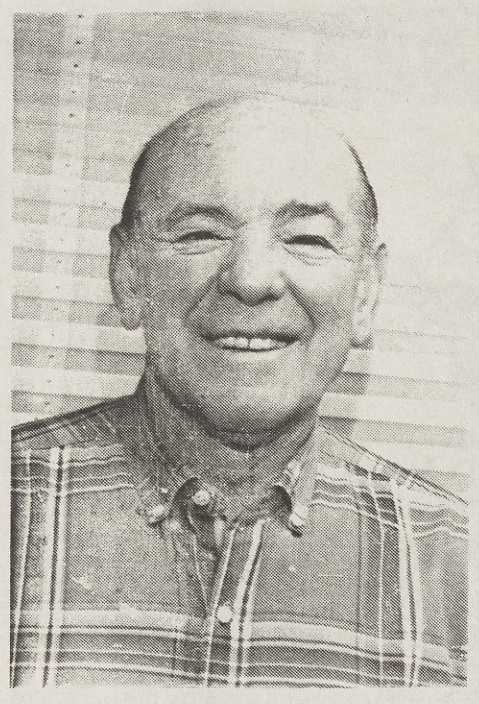

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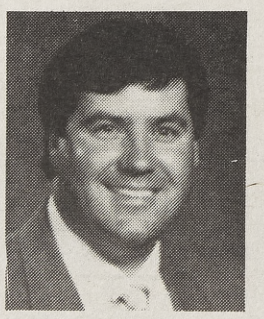
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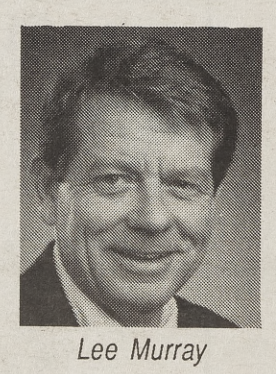
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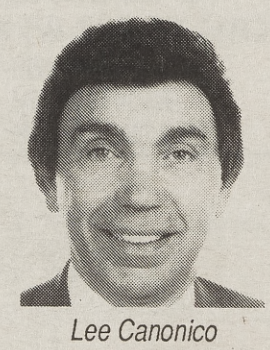
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